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Just one look around campus, and the beautiful scenery of Fairfield will take your breath away. With buildings amazingly dating back to 1896 amongst the brand-new renovations, there is much hard work and dedication put into maintaining the stellar appearance of the campus. Whether it be admiring the older architecture of Bellarmine Hall or the new wing of the Barone Campus Center, the campus is full of stunning views.

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All over campus, the Fairfield University mission statement is represented: ***"Fairfield University, founded by the Society of Jesus, is a coeducational institution of higher learning whose primary objectives are to develop the creative intellectual potential of its students and to foster in them ethical and religious values and a sense of social responsibility. Jesuit Education, which began in 1547, is committed today to the service of faith, of which the promotion of justice is an absolute requirement."***

Catholic in both tradition and spirit, the Jesuit ideals are part of the Fairfield University experience. Integrated into the core curriculum, part of extra-curricular activities, and volunteerism all show signs of a faith-filled community on campus.

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live in hope and strive for peace

The hard work and dedication that the Fairfield University athletes put in day in and day out certainly does not go unnoticed around campus. Every season these athletes give their all to make Fairfield proud. Fall sports such as football and volleyball seen here make the Fall Welcome full of opportunities for the Stags to shine and the Fairfield student body to show their support.

Amongst busy days full of classes, homework, and extracurriculars, plenty of Fairfield students make time for a variety of athletic activities. Whether it be the dedicated Varsity athletes, enthusiastic supporters, or intramural activists, these students take advantage of the many opportunities to have a great time with friends!

ALUMNI HALL

These Fairfield students all have something in common: the Jesuit ideal of giving back to the community. They share their time and give a part of themselves back to campus and the surrounding areas by doing what they do best. Countless hours spent singing, dancing, acting, or finding ways to serve this community are some of the ways these students fulfill their "Fairfield Experience."

However these past four years were spent, you will all take a piece of Fairfield away with you, and also leave a part of yourself here. These transitions, growths, and memories have all made your time at Fairfield unforgettable. So when looking back, just remember to "Celebrate Good Times!!!!"

DEDICATION- 2003

Father Gregg Grovenburg, S.J.

This year we are pleased to dedicate this book to Father Gregg Grovenburg, one of the Jesuit Priests here at Fairfield. Throughout his years here, he has not only proven to be a mentor to students, but also a great friend. He deserves to be recognized for all he has done for the Fairfield community.

Above: Father Gregg holds up his hands while preaching during a mass.

Upper Right: Taking a stroll.

Right: On a Campus Ministry retreat.

Father Gregg is a laid-back kind of guy. Here he is with a group of friends, watching his Stags win a basketball game, and talking with students.

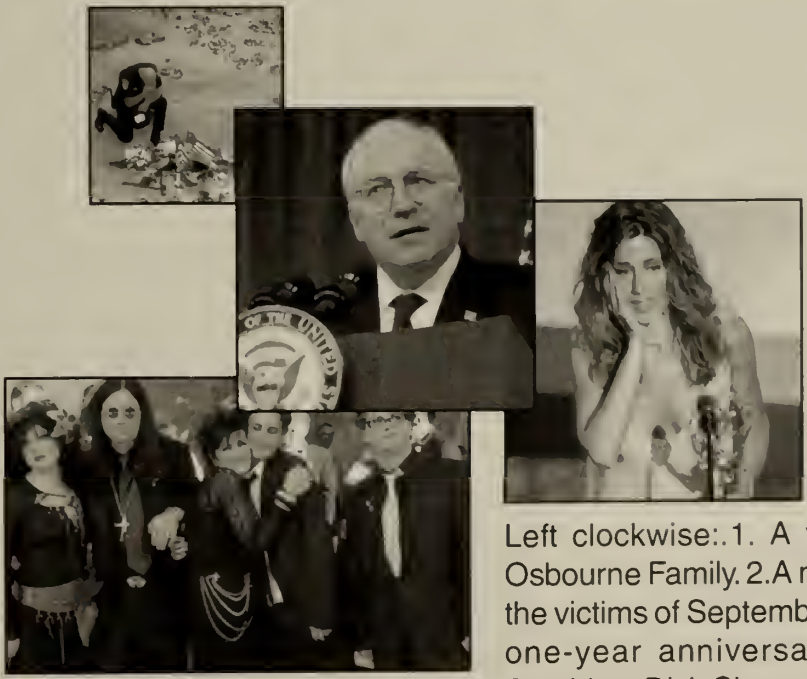
Since 1942, the Society of Jesus has nurtured and guided the men and women of Fairfield University with a love that fulfills the wishes of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Through service for and with others, especially the service to our Fairfield students of yesterday and today, the Jesuits continue to be living examples of the limitless love of Jesus. Since 1997, one such follower of Loyola has touched the lives of hundreds of students in the residence halls, on volunteer trips and in the athletic arena. Exhibiting a gentleness and spirituality that mirrors the actions of Jesuits during the past four hundred and sixty years, this extraordinary priest personifies all that is truly special and unique about our Jesuit educational experience. With recognition for his guidance and love and most importantly in appreciation for all the Fairfield students whose lives he has impacted, the 2003 MANOR is dedicated to Father Gregg Grovenburg, S.J., with love and God speed for his new mission in the mid west. Padre, your presence and love will always be with us.

In the News

world events

The 2002-2003 school year proved to be yet another newsworthy one, beginning with the one-year anniversary of the September 11 attacks, and ending with a war against Iraq. In between, our nation experienced the fear of sniper attacks, watched as the shuttle Columbia perished, and saw the loss of Mr. Rogers, a cultural icon.

The year was not all bad news, however. The entertainment world bustled with award shows and new box office blockbusters, as well as with talented new singers and bands and a number of new reality television shows. As we reflect on the year, it is evident that all of these events will impact our futures for years to come.



Left clockwise:.1. A view of the Osbourne Family. 2.A man mourns the victims of September 11 on the one-year anniversary. 3.Vice-President Dick Cheney. 4. Jennifer Aniston at the Emmy's.

September

One year later ...

As the year began, and we settled into our new "homes" and started classes again, the nation commemorated the one-year anniversary of the worst terror attacks to occur on United States soil. Ceremonies in which prayers were said and victims' names were read aloud were held at all three of the locations that planes crashed on September 11, 2001—the World Trade Centers in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and a small field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

In the sports world, Pete Sampras defeated longtime tennis rival Andre Agassi in the men's finals of the U.S. Open, while Serena Williams beat big sister Venus in the women's finals.

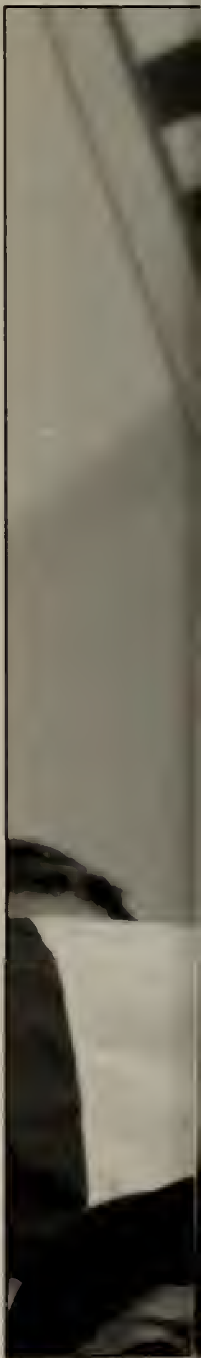
Finally, in entertainment news, 54th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards were held in Los Angeles on September 22, with Ray Romano and Jennifer Aniston taking the awards for best leading actor and actress for *Everybody Loves Raymond* and *Friends*, respectively.

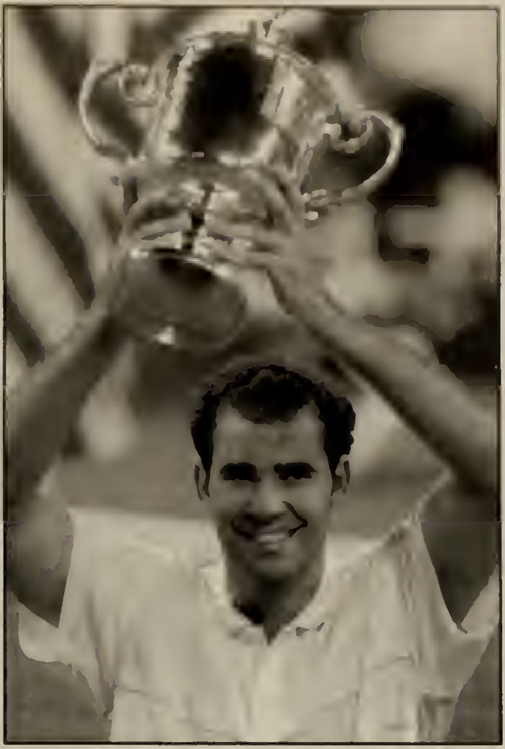
Right: Actor Ray Romano took the Emmy for best leading actor.

Far Right: Pete Sampras defeated Andre Agassi to win the U.S. Open.

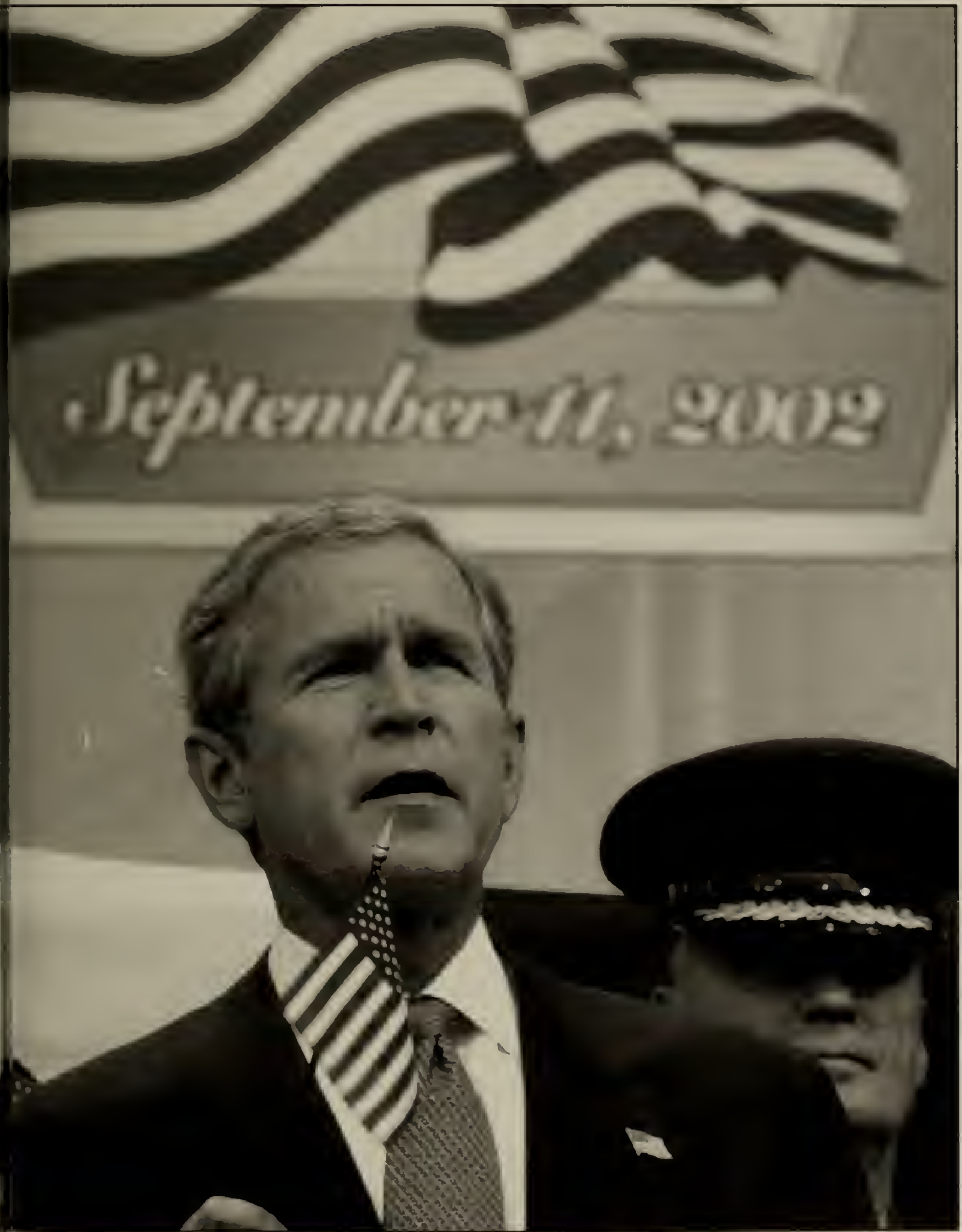
Above: A view of New York City on September 11, 2001.

Right: President George W. Bush takes part in a ceremony to remember the victims of the 9-11 attacks.





Above: *A Look Back* September 11, 2001, proved to be one of the worst days in U.S. history. As Americans awoke on that fateful Tuesday morning, they were greeted with images of planes striking the World Trade Center's twin towers in New York City. Soon after, another plane crashed into the side of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and yet another aircraft went down in a small Pennsylvania field. It quickly became evident that the United States was under attack--the worst attack ever to be experienced on American soil. Thousands of lives were lost on September 11, including fourteen Fairfield University alumni.



Below: Anaheim Angels World Series MVP Troy Glaus holds the championship trophy after the Angels defeated the San Francisco Giants' in game 7 of the World Series Sunday, October 27, 2002 in Anaheim, California.

In the Entertainment World

Left: Jason Mizell, a.k.a. Jam Master Jay, was shot and killed in New York.

Right: U.S. pop star Michael Jackson dangles an unidentified child over a balcony.

October & November

October marked a period of fear in the United States, as two men carried out numerous sniper attacks in the Washington, D.C. area over a three-week period. By the time the men were caught, ten people had been killed and three more wounded, including a middle school student. Fear of attacks put schools into lockdowns and made people pump their gas in a crouching positions behind their cars.

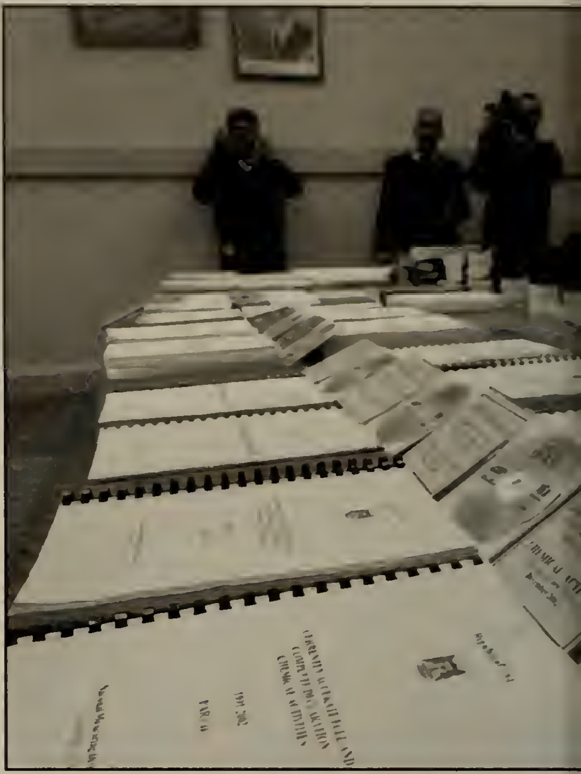
Also in October, President Bush signed a bill that permitted the use of force in Iraq; the Anaheim Angels defeated the San Francisco Giants in the World Series; and the music world mourned the death of Jam Master Jay of Run DMC.

November was an important month for the entertainment industry. "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" premiered in England and the United States. Also making news was Michael Jackson, when he dangled his infant child over the railing of a balcony in Germany as he was waving to fans. Finally, the latest reality show, *The Bachelor*, made its debut.

Above: The car in which two men were arrested at a Maryland roadside rest stop early Thursday, October 24, 2002, is pushed into a facility in Rockville, Md, after being transported from the rest area. The two were wanted for questioning in the three-week wave of deadly sniper attacks that terrorized the Washington, D.C. area.

Left: Stars of the new Harry Potter film, from left to right, Emma Watson, Daniel Radcliffe and Rupert Grint, arrive for the U.S. premiere of their movie, "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," Sunday, November. 10, 2002, in New York.

Left: Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C, celebrates his 100th birthday at the White House. Thurmond is the first centenarian Senator in U.S. history.



December & January

New Beginnings

As 2002 ended and 2003 began, the nation moved closer to a war with Iraq. In the beginning of December, 12,000 pages of documents detailing Iraqi weapons were delivered to the United Nations. Senator Strom Thurmond made American history by becoming the first centenarian senator. In addition, former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge became the first Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security in January. This new department was created to protect Americans from further terrorist attacks. Finally, President Bush made the annual State of the Union Address on January 28th.

In other news, the Golden Globes were held in Beverly Hills. Among the big winners were Richard Gere and Renee Zellweger for best actor and actress for the motion picture "Chicago." Tampa Bay Buccaneers beat the Oakland Raiders, 48-21, in Superbowl XXXVII.

Left: A mass of documents detailing Iraq's nuclear, chemical and biological activities is presented to the media in a government office in Iraq.

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Left: Iraqi workers unload equipment from a U.N. plane carrying the 17 weapons inspectors to Saddam International Airport in Baghdad, Iraq.

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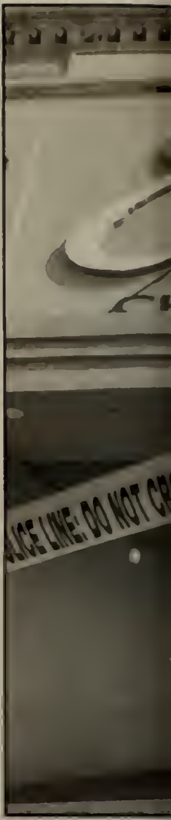
Left: Tampa Bay Buccaneers' Dwight Smith runs into the endzone for a touchdown during the second half of Super Bowl XXXVII against the Oakland Raiders.

Above: Fireworks light New York's Times Square moments after the New Year begins Wednesday, January 1, 2003.

Below: Norah Jones holds her five Grammy Awards at the 45th Annual Grammy Awards, Sunday, February 23, 2003, in New York.

Below: Fred Rogers, host of the public television show Mister Rogers Neighborhood for more than 30 years, died of cancer early Thursday, February 27, 2003.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February

A month marked by loss

February was a rather tragic month for Americans. Just minutes before it was supposed to land, Space Shuttle Columbia exploded, killing all seven astronauts on board. Two U.S. cities saw two of the worst club fires in history. First, on February 17th, twenty-one people perished in Chicago's Epitome Night Club. Just three days later, ninety-nine people were killed in a West Warwick, Rhode Island fire, during a rock concert where there was a pyrotechnics mishap. Finally, at the end of the month, Fred Rogers, host of the public television show "Mister Rogers Neighborhood" for more than 30 years, died of cancer at the age of 74.

On a lighter note, the design for the new building that will stand where New York's World Trade Center once stood, was chosen by the Lower Manhattan Redevelopment Corporation. Norah Jones stole the show at the Grammy's, taking five awards and tying Lauryn Hill and Alicia Keys for the most wins by a female artist in one night.

Above: Architect Daniel Libeskind, center, presents his winning vision for a new World Trade Center.

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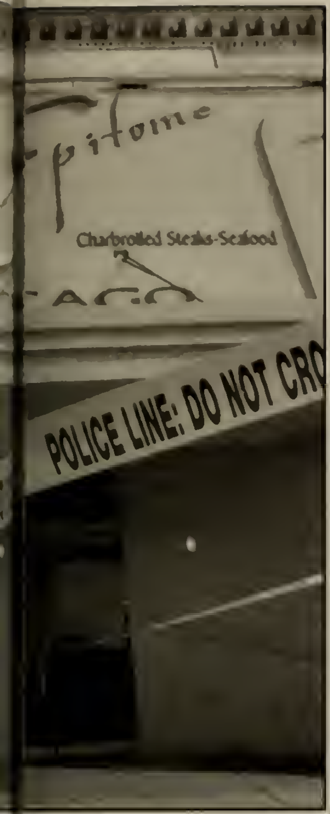
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Left: A view of Chicago's Epitome Night Club, where a fire left 21 dead.

Left: The Space Shuttle Columbia Crew.

Below: Firefighters spray water on to the charred nightclub, The Station located in West Warwick, Rhode Island.

Below: An Iraqi child who reportedly suffered burns during the overnight bombing raid over Baghdad, cries as he is picked up by his mother

Right: Toni Smith, turns her back on the American flag during the playing of the national anthem before a basketball game between Manhattenville Valiants and Stevens Tech College. Smith is protesting the impending war with Iraq.

Above: Soldiers of 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), mourn the loss of Capt. Christopher Seifert at a memorial ceremony.

Right: A British Royal Marine from 42 Commando fires a Milan wire-guided missile at an Iraqi position on the Al Faw peninsula, southern Iraq, Friday, March 21, 2003.

Far Left: Smoke rises from the Trade Ministry in Baghdad Thursday, March 20, 2003 after it was hit by a missile during US-led forces attack. Left: A U.S. soldier stands guard at a burning oil well at the Rumeila Oil fields March 23, 2003 in Iraq. Below: Pakistani women chant anti-U.S. slogans during a demonstration held in Multan, Pakistan.

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March

It's War!

Above: U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell holds up a vial that he said could contain anthrax as he presents evidence of Iraq's alleged weapons programs.

By far the most newsworthy month of the 2002-2003 school year was March. On the 19th, the United States and coalition forces launched a decapitation attack on Iraq and Saddam Hussein's dictatorship regime. The combat lasted just a short while, with President Bush announcing on May 1 that all major combat was officially over in Iraq. As of that day, 171 coalition deaths had been confirmed. The war did not come without opposition, however; war protestors at home and abroad held anti-war rallies.

Above: President Bush addresses the U.N. about the threat of the presence of Suddam Hussein.

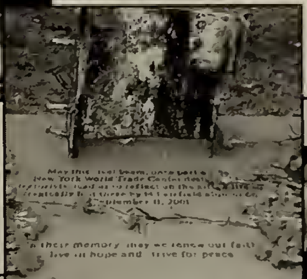
Right: Students cheer on the Stags at the Homecoming Game.

Unity

campus life

We kicked off the year with the Rusted Root concert. The concert was a great way to start the year in September. Then we had a new tradition initiated with Homecoming being a full week. Alumni flocked back to their alma mater and cheered the football team on, whose program would later be cancelled. But the Stag spirit still trecked on.

Who says that students don't participate? From decorating their dorms, to trying for a trip to the Bahamas, to joining together in memory of 9/11, students unite. Thru all these things, it is clear that the 2002-2003 school year would prove to be a year the Stags would show their true red and white colors.



Top Left: Sophmores decorate Loyola for Christmas. Middle: Remembering 9/11. Above: Students excited at the chance to go to the Bahamas. Left: Three students celebrating good times.

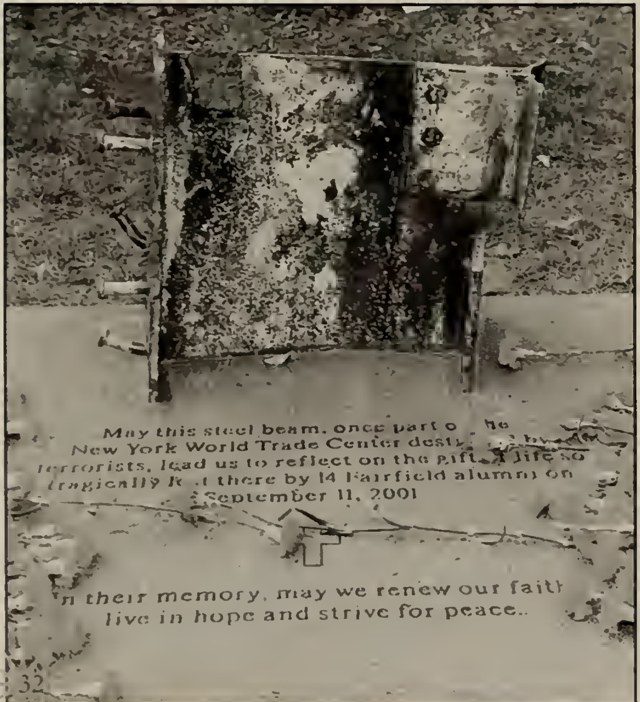
Right: The ceremony took place in front of Alumni House, where the stone setting still lays.

Below: University Preseident Aloysius P. Kelley, S.J. speaks in front of families and friends who lost loved ones.

Bottom Right: People placed flowers on the stone in memory of their loved ones.

Fairfield Commemorates 9/11

Below: The stone reads, *"May this steel beam, once part of the New York World Trade Center, destroyed by terrorists, lead us now to reflect on the gift of life so tragically lost there by 14 Fairfield alumni on September 11, 2001. In their memory may we renew our faith, live in hope and strive for peace."*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ALUMNI MEMORIAL MASS

September 11, 2002 was a day eerily similar to the day that came one year before; the sun was shining and the sky was clear blue with only a scarce showing of clouds. Fairfield University students and faculty joined each other to reflect on the day that changed our lives: September 11, 2001. It is a day etched in every American's memory, never to be forgotten. Terrorists attacked our nation, and Fairfield University was not left untouched by these horrific acts. However, amid fear and disbelief, faculty and students pulled together in a great display of support. One year later, students and faculty gathered on the lawn outside of the Barone Campus Center to honor those killed, including Fairfield alumni, and to reflect on the past year. Students and professors shared their thoughts and feelings on the victims, the nation, and our own university community. They remembered former Fairfield students that were lost, and commended Fairfield University students for the great outpouring of love and support that was shown, and continues to be displayed.

Top: Pictures of the 14 alumni that died brought back many memories.

Above: Many gathered around the stone to pay their respects and lay flowers.

Right: The turnout to the mass was huge.

Dr. Brenda Joyce Young speaks to the students of Fairfield

Top: Dr. Young speaks out to the students of Fairfield University.

Above: Students looking for inspiration from Dr. Young's speech.

Top Right: Coordinators of the 2002 Convocation.

Right: Encouragement from Dr. Young.

The 7th Annual Diversity Convocation, held on Friday, September 13th in Alumni Hall, was a raving success this year due mainly to the presence of Dr. Brenda Joyce Young. At 11 o'clock, students and faculty members alike gathered to hear the Fairfield alumnus of the class of 1974 speak about her experiences with college, with jobs, and with life. It served as both an educational occasion for the audience as well as a beginning-of-year get-together for the Fairfield community.

The evening commenced with an opening by Dr. Orin Grossman, the Academic Vice-President, followed by performances by the Glee Club and an invocation by Rev. Paul E. Carrier, S.J. Karen Donoghue, FUSA President, also spoke briefly and Rev. Aloysius P. Kelley, S.J., University President, introduced the respected speaker. Dr. Young told the story of her "American Journey" as she began life living in Brooklyn as young girl who loved to read. Her enthusiasm extended into college education when she chose to attend Fairfield University and became a member of the first female graduating class. It was at Fairfield that she learned to manage her time, gained responsibility and freedom, and developed her passion for English. Following graduation, she set out for the working world and later returned to school to continue in her English and African American studies as well as finally receive her Ph.D Today, she employs her love of knowledge in her career as a college professor, and thanks the faculty members and her classmates from Fairfield that helped her along the way.

Dr. Young's speech was both inspiring and helpful to th students. She encouraged them to enjoy their college years an search for the passion in their own lives. By sharing her story, she demonstrated how a person can overcome adversity and achieve their goals, whatever they may be, if they work hard, remain focused, and not only appreciate the opportunities the have been given, but take time to enjoy them.

CONVOCATION 2002

200 NIGHTS

An all-senior dance

It was time for the infamous 200 Nights. This year it was held at the Stamford Marriott, as opposed to being held at the Trumbull Marriott like the year before. Although the tickets were a little bit pricy, it was well worth it. There were four hours of open bar for beer and wine with plenty of fun to go around.

SBRA co-president, Colette Landers '03, describes the event she helped organized: "The idea is to have a formal event. We want to offer students an opportunity to go somewhere different, not somewhere that they can go any day." And 200 Nights surely was a great time- it was a nice break in the middle of the fall semester in which seniors could party with their class and celebrate the past few years at Fairfield and look ahead to what this last year will bring.

Upper Left: The girls of the BFNH at 200 Nights.

Above: Chas Hayes and Julie McDermott are having a blast at the dance.

Lower Left: Marisa Abdoo and her friends are celebrating good times.

Good parents give
their children
Roots and Wings.
Roots to know
where home is,
wings to fly away
and exercise what's
been taught them.
—Jonas Salk

A little bit of help from mom and dad

Above: Mom and dad join their son for some Barone food.

Left: Taking advantage of a nice autumn day, one student shows his folks around campus.

PARENTS' WEEKEND

As usual, the annual Parents' Weekend in October was a success. There were many different activities as well as information sessions for all to attend, and those who did enjoyed themselves immensely. The Parents' Weekend Mass was, as always, a wonderful service and a very popular event. The Glee Club sang beautifully at Mass and also at their concert on Sunday. It's always so nice to see families walking around on campus enjoying each other's company as well as our beautiful campus.

For those who are in the class of 2003, I'm sure this weekend was bittersweet; sad because it was the last year they would enjoy this special weekend, and also exciting because at this time next year, they will be done with school and working their dream job somewhere. And as the class of 2003 reflects back on their time spent at Fairfield University, I'm sure that along with all of their many memories with their friends, they will also reflect upon those times that they enjoyed with their families.

Above: With so many parents visiting their college kids, the mass was held in Alumni Hall.

Left: A family poses for a picture after eating a Fairfield breakfast.

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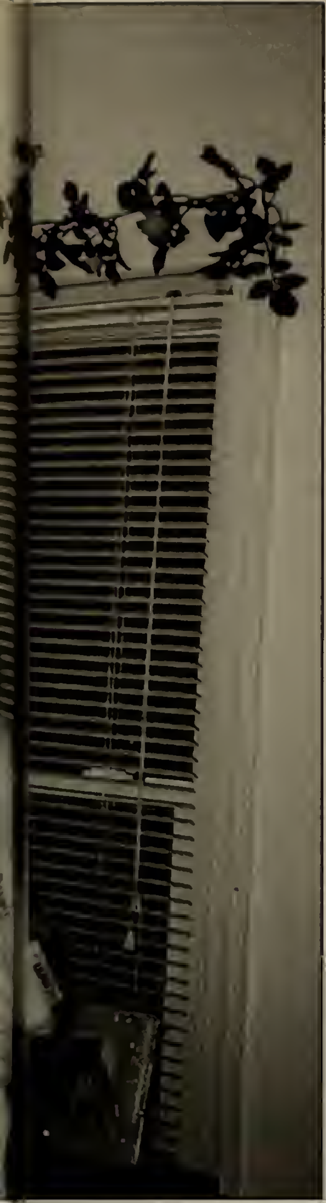

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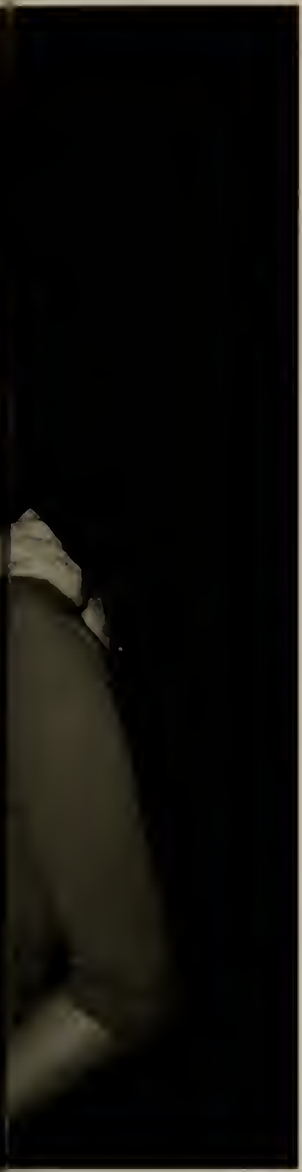

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HOMECOMING WEEK

STUFF-A-VAN!
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Above: This is the van that they stayed in for over two hours in the cold.

Top Left: One of the things they had to do to win a Bahamas trip was to identify a certain food by eating it, such as Spam.

Left: To win the stereo, these students bounced up and down and sang "This is the Song that Never Ends."

Below: Silly String War!

Quad Wars

Another homecoming event took place on Tuesday afternoon, in the quad. It was a pretty chilly day, which resulted in not as many people attending as anticipated. However, there were a few silly string wars going on, a huge rope for tug-a-war, and of course the stuff-a-van contest. The stuff-a-van contest drew the most attention, as twelve students shared space in an old van to see who would stay in the longest. But there is a catch: they had to be able to stand the two-hour repetition of the first two lines from "Barbie Girl" blasting on the radio. They also had to drink ridiculous amounts of water, squat like a catcher for what seemed forever, and sing many annoying songs. And nobody can forget the sardine eating. In the end, after all this torture, sophomore Maegan Talt came out with the prize everyone was trying to get: a new stereo system. It makes it all worth it in the end!

Dancing the night away!

The Homecoming Semi-Formal Dance on Friday, November 1, kicked off the festivities for this year's Homecoming Weekend 2002. Approximately 200 students attended the event, which was held at the Continental Manor in Norwalk. As they were ushered into the hotel around 7 pm, students voted on Homecoming king and queen nominees. Students were then treated to a three course meal and drinks, after which, the DJ began to play as partygoers hit the dance floor. Everyone danced the night away, taking breaks only for dessert and for the announcement of the 2002 Homecoming king and queen, Kevin Neubauer and Jillian Grant.

The event ended at 11 pm and students wearily stepped on buses which shuttled them back to Alumni Hall. Overall, the event, which was sponsored by FUSA, IRHG, and the Recreation Complex was a huge success. Sophomore Erin Rose noted, "I had a blast with my girlfriends, I'm so happy that I decided to come!"

Bahama Mama!

Top Right: The Homecoming Dance even included a delicious meal that these students seemed to enjoy.

Above Right: In the beginning, all the players were divided into two teams; then the elimination began!

Above: Winner Kurt Heinold and teammate Maegan Talt dress to impress.

On Monday, October 27th, Kurt Heinold , a sophomore at Fairfield University, actually won a trip to the Bahamas! Many watched from their seats or the balcony above as he did whatever it took to remain on stage the longest. This Outcast Survivor show was put on by two guys who go around to colleges nationwide and pick twelve students to embarrass themselves in hope of a Bahamas trip. It is somewhat a short version of the television show "Survivor," as the competitors get to vote each other off. When they came to Fairfield this year, students had to eat various unknown foods; they had to win points by getting things from the audience, such as pencils, hairbrushes, and even bras; and they had to lip-synch and dance to songs like N'Sync's "Bye Bye Bye." In the end, one person came out with the grand prize, a trip for two to the Bahamas. Don't you wish you were his best friend?!

Our Home Team Advantage

Right: This Stag player is doing everything he can to get away from the other team.

Below: The volleyball team came out to support the football guys.

Bottom: These five girls had a great time at the game... especially since Fairfield won!

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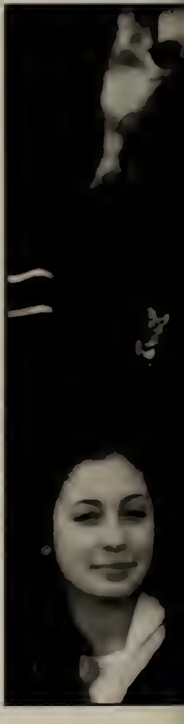

HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME

Fairfield students, parents, and alumni gathered at the 2002 Homecoming Game, on November 2nd. It was a great crowd and The Stags fought hard and defeated Saint Peter's College, 27-13. The fans cheered on the football team and it was clear that the team was motivated to win.

In the first half of the game, they had a 20-0 lead, and were eventually up 27-0 before letting Saint Peter's score a few. Yet there was no chance of getting past the Stags. Sr. Andrew Turf scored two touchdowns and Sr. quarterback Mike Cerchio completed 16 of 25 passes for 244 yards and two touchdowns. Linebacker Mark Baumer also ran 53 yards for another score.

With this win under the belt, the Stags looked to the games ahead and hoped for many more great victories. Their confidence was higher, and the whole team believed in each other. After the Fairfield community heard the sad announcement that came later in the year, we can at least look back and remember how the football team won their last homecoming game. In the years to come, it will never be the same.

Above: These two girls look ready to watch their Stags win!

Below: The crowd was also packed with tons of alumni and their kids.

Bottom Left: They scored a touchdown!

HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS WEEK

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Campus
Ministry

Above: The talented Tim Warren played some songs outside the campus center for entertainment.

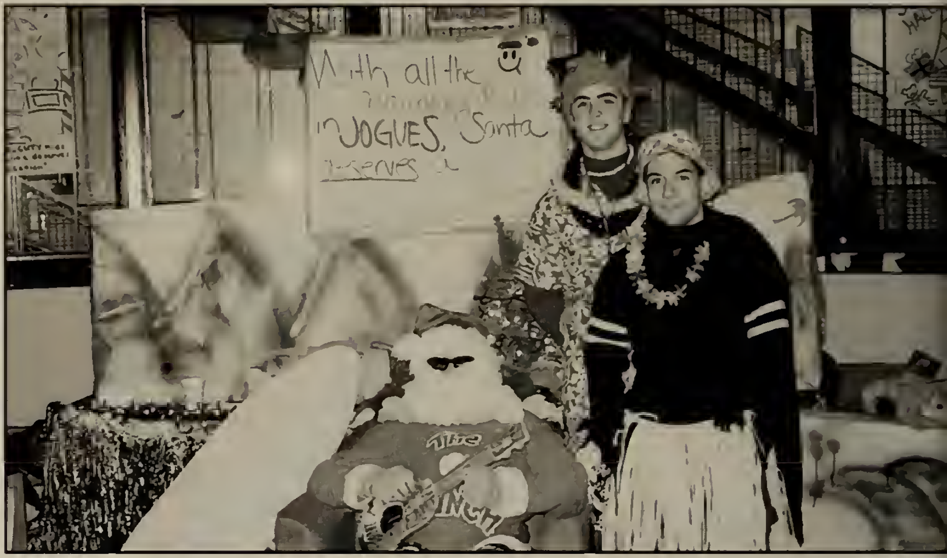
The week of November 18th to November 24th may have seemed a typical week for some, but for those of us at Fairfield University there was definitely something different going on. On one day, there were cardboard houses set out in front of the Barone Campus Center, as part of the "Cardboard City." There was a hunger banquet, entertainment by the improv groups On the Spot and In the Spit, and several people around to talk about homelessness. These events were all part of the Hunger and Homelessness Week, sponsored by Campus Ministry.

Above: Setting up the cardboard city.

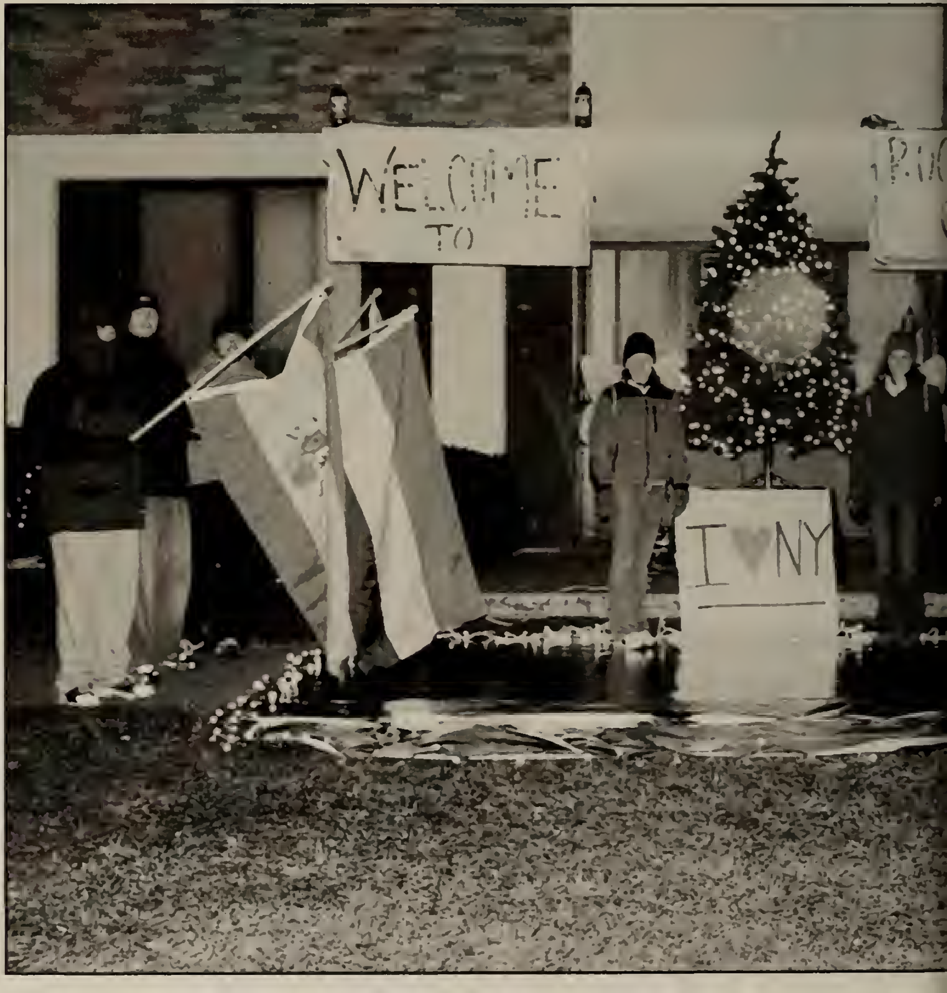
Hunger and Homelessness Week exists to bring awareness of those who are less fortunate, without a place to live and barely any money for food. Campus Ministry hopes to help Operation Hope, a homeless shelter in Fairfield. Many were willing to participate in these events, and even if they didn't take part in the events they were definitely aware of what was going on right in front of their eyes. Those who didn't realize that so many people suffer from hunger and homelessness may have realized this fact because of the great events put on by Campus Ministry this week.

Fighting Hunger and Raising Awareness

Let us all deck the halls!


With all the
in JOGUES, Santa
deserves a
The GRINCH

With finals coming up at the end of first semester, most students are stressed out. However, Christmas is just creeping around the corner, and the celebrations have already begun! As a tradition, students have one night where they decorate their dorms and in the end somebody wins. Creativity is key. This event is called the Lighting of the Halls.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Top Right: Loyola is covered with lights!

Upper Right: Santa in Hawaii for Christmas (aka Jogues)

Above: Ice Skating at Rockafeller Center.

IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME AGAIN!

Above: A group smiles in front of their Christmas creation of Gonzaga.

Left: Campion transformed into Rockafeller Center.

Right: One of Santa's little helpers. Sophomore Erin Rose dresses up to help out Claver.

Awards Banquet Honors Top Athletes

Ellen Sarosy '03 of the softball team was awarded Co-Female Athlete of the Year at the annual athletic awards banquet on May 4. Other awardees included Erin Heslin '03 of the cross country team (Co-Female Athlete of the Year); men's basketball Deng Gai '05 (Male Athlete of the Year); football's Matt Giugliano '03 and lacrosse's Kris Klein '03 (2003 Alumni Co-Male Student Athlete of the Year); field hockey's Liz Croney (2003 Alumni Female Student Athlete of the Year); lacrosse's Beth Loffredo '06 (Female Freshman of the Year); and soccer's Ed Meyer '06 (Male Freshman of the Year). Dani Brown '03 of the field hockey team received the William Wallin '61 Memorial Award, and seniors Michael Pignataro and Alyssa Haddad of the tennis teams each received an Arthur Ashe Award. The athletic department also honored Gregg Grovensburg, S.J., with the Eastern College Athletic Conference Certificate of Appreciation.

Above: Beth Loffredo, #1, jabs at her opponent. They double team Marist to try to knock the ball loose.
Opposite: Liz Croney keeps an eye on the ball as she dribbles up-field, dodging two defenders.

Class of 2003 student-athletes honored by All-Region

Just a few weeks before graduation, several Fairfield student-athletes earned All-Region honors in their respective sports. On the softball diamond, outfielder Ellen Sarosy ’03 and pitcher Mellissa Santos ’03 earned All-Northeast designation by vote of the region’s coaches. The duo also won the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Player and Pitcher of the Year awards, respectively.

Senior lacrosse players Matt Buecker, C.J. Kemp, and Kris Klein each picked up All-Scholastic accolades from the New England Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association. Freshman Beth Loffredo garnered the MAAC Rookie of the Year for the women’s lacrosse team.

Along with their field performance honors, 33 student-athletes received All-Academic honors during the spring semester.

Two Teams We Will Miss

On February 6th, 2003, we all heard the disappointing announcement. Fairfield University President Aloysius P. Kelley, S.J. declared that football and ice hockey would be eliminated after the current year. The reason that the University took this action was because of the annual budget preparations; there was no longer room for all the sports and something had to be done.

These budget cuts were taken for many reasons. Although the two sports did not offer a lot of aid, they still had significant operating costs. Funds for various constructions and renovations also made this cut seem necessary.

The football team at Fairfield was a tier IV sport, meaning that the athletes received no aid. However, with this elimination, the 64 returning players and ten coaches felt a huge impact. The University said it will "honor commitments made to those individuals and will assist them in every way possible." Former football players were also very upset, as well as friends and members of the Fairfield community. This came as a big shock to many.

Above: The ball is in play as the two teams go down in a tackle.

Above: We're going for the kick!

Right: What will this player do next year since they can't play at Fairfield any longer?

Right: The sidelined players and coaches watch as one goes for the catch.

Far Right: Concentration! Jim Lubinski of Ice Hockey.

SAYING FAREWELL TO FOOTBALL AND ICE HOCKEY

For ice hockey, this meant that 21 returning players and two coaches were deeply affected, as well as many alumni that played for the team thirty or so years ago. This Tier III sport received a limited number of grants-in-aid, but the University also did all they could to help support them. Those receiving scholarships will still continue to receive them if they choose to remain at Fairfield.

The students at Fairfield responded to the elimination of the sports very quickly. Petitions were sent around and various protests occurred. Many players immediately began to research what school to transfer to. However, the decision was already made and they wouldn't take it back. Now we have to face the fact that we just witnessed the last seasons of Fairfield hockey and football. With these two varsity sports gone, there would now only be 19 varsity programs at Fairfield University. Hopefully in the future of this school these sports will be brought back, but for now, we can remember the good times of the teams and remember to take extra pride in the sports that still exist.

HOCKEY
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NIT: NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT

Above Left: A Fairfield cheerleader leads the crowd.

Above Right: Seniors Karen Donoghue (FUSA President) and Sarah Courtney (Ham Channel President) were at the game.

Left: Junior Rob Thomson goes for the basket.

"We were invited to this NIT. That's an unbelievable accomplishment for us. It wasn't easy. I'm so proud of these guys, because it has been so hard."- Head Coach Tim O'Toole.

Above: The "Super Fan" and all other Fairfield supporters cheer on their team.

Right: Father Greg and some Fairfield University students say that our team is #1!

A postseason thrill

For the first time since the 1997 NCAA tournament, the Fairfield Men's Basketball Team gained a postseason berth. This year they were invited to the National Invitation Tournament (NIT), to play against the Boston College Eagles. This was their fifth appearance ever, with their last win in the postseason coming in the 1973 NIT, when they beat Marshall.

On March 18th, the Stags played in front of the largest crowd ever at the Arena at Harbor Yard, with 6,585 people, nearly three times the normal amount. Unfortunately, this large crowd saw the home team lose 90-78, but the defeat did not come without any excitement. In the first half, the Stags led 23-16 before the Eagles went on a 11-0 run. They also only trailed by three points with eight minutes remaining, but never got closer the rest of the way. Boston College was tough competition, and the Stags fought hard.

This game marked the 117th career game for Sr. forward Nick Delfico, breaking the previous record at Fairfield for career games. And for the whole team, they finished the season overall at 19-12; only four other Fairfield teams have won that many in a season. The NIT marked the end of the 2002-03 season for the Stags, and these guys can be proud of all they accomplished.

Below: Sophomore Deng Gai shows his moves to the Eagles.

MAY DAY WEEKEND

Above: There were lots of kids at the game, rooting for the teams!

Left: The grey team looks on as their teammate waits for the pitch.

Rock N Jock

Above: Rob Rocko walks into the infield to make some announcements.

On Friday, April 25th, Fairfield University held the annual slowpitch softball game known as Rock N Jock. Some faculty members, staff, and students all participated in the game and had tons of fun. Accounting Professor Milo Peck was the umpire and Patty the "mail lady" played on one of the teams; they were just some of the people involved in the game. Even Rob Rocko, of the class of 2002, came back to help the Ham Channel run the announcements. In addition to the game, there was a homerun derby to see who could hit the most homeruns. For the crowd cheering everyone on, a raffle was held to win a nice leather couch. The most important thing however, was that all the proceeds went to charity. This game was such a great time and one not to miss.

Below: The game is getting exciting and many people stand up to see better.

So many things to do!

This game was just one of the many activities of May Day Week. Starting the previous Monday, several activities were going on such as an outdoor movie and a Casino Heist game show to win a trip to the Bahamas. On Friday night, IRHG held the Mr. Fairfield competition, in which one guy from each dorm competed to win the title. The Dogwoods formal dance was on Saturday night in New York City, and it was again a huge success. Many students were eager to dish out their money and enjoy good food, music, and a beautiful cruise around the city. The Spam Jam took place up at the townhouses, for Juniors and Seniors to be able to drink from University provided kegs and enjoy the end of the year. This began as a replacement for the classic Clam Jam, which just two years ago was ordered to be terminated. Yet this was a great success this year, with over 1000 people outside enjoying the sun and having a good Sunday afternoon.

Above: The crowd looks on at the Rock N Jock charity event.

Right: Everyone is getting their groove on at the Dogwoods Dance.

Below: A backside view of the softball crowd.

MAY DAY WEEKEND

All these activities of May Day Week were an enjoyable time. With finals coming up the next week, some people had a lot of work needing to be done; however they also had fun things to do that lessened the stress. This was a memorable week and a great way to end the year.

Cheers!

Although Graduation may seem like it can't get here any quicker, think about all that you will miss about Fairfield.

Pictures are worth 1000 words.

Emmett
Kevin

Making every moment count!

JOHN A. BARONE
CAMPUS CENTER

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WE TRUST

OH, THE MEMORIES

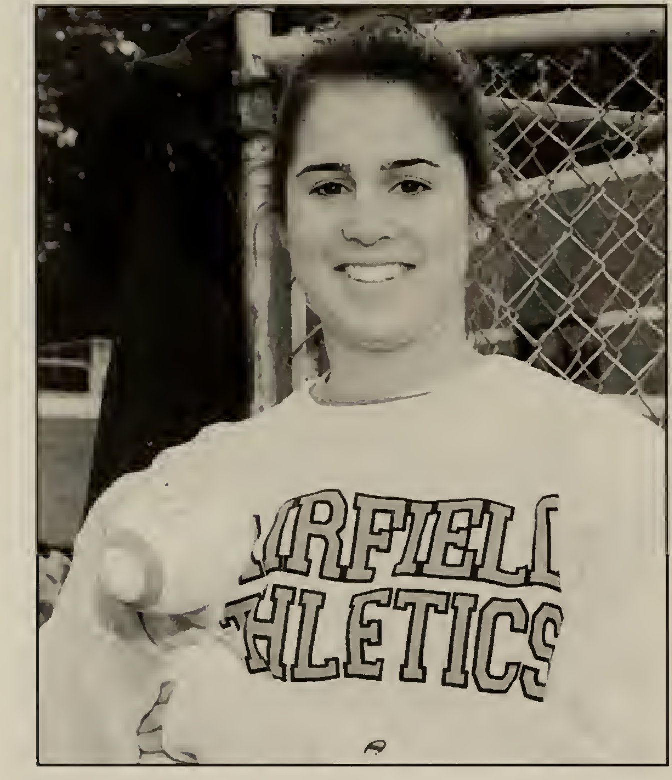
Friends are there when you
need someone to cry on or
someone to party with!

These years are
said to be the
best of your life!

THE BEST OF FRIENDS

You made lifetime friends while at Fairfield University. Together, you made great memories.

FUN AND GAMES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Time to play!

Always remember to smile and to find time for fun in life!

We go to college to get an education, this is true. However, all work and no play is not good for anyone. There are times like these that one needs to just let loose!

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BRING IT ON

At Fairfield University we are up for just about anything!

Who wants to win a new VW?

LET IT SNOW... AND SNOW... AND SNOW

The snow tried to stop us this year... we were swamped with it! But even being stuck inside everyone was still having a good time.

We've all experienced the dorms at Fairfield, and a lot of us continued to live on campus as upperclassmen. Although the living quarters are quite small, we still make the best of it.

WHERE WE LIVE

Working hard or hardly working? That is the question.

A typical college room: bunked beds, posters, friends, and beer.

GETTING A BIT CRAZY!

You can't forget times like this!

Good friends and good times!

What is better than having fun and getting dirty?!

Halloween is a great excuse to dress freaky!

PALATINE
PARK DISTRICT
BASKETBALL

Bannow Science Center, home of many classrooms.

Classroom Life

academics

It's the reason that most of us come to college in the first place--to actually learn the necessary things that will provide us with the foundation for future careers and life in general. From 8 a.m. classes to trying to register for the classes that you want to waiting until the last minute to study and write papers, academic life can sometimes be trying at best. However, Fairfield U. students finish their undergraduate careers with a well-rounded education, truly knowing something about everything. And all the hard work and procrastination eventually pays off--in the past eight years, 23 Fairfield students have been awarded the prestigious Fulbright Awards. Countless more go on to gain admission to the nation's top graduate schools.

Views from around campus.

2003 Teacher of the Year

Dennis Keenan, Ph. D.

"His enthusiasm for and devotion to the subject is exceptional"

-Amanda Martignetti, '03

Dennis Keenan, Ph.D., knows firsthand what a profound difference a stellar teacher can make in a student's life.

Growing up on a farm in Iowa, Dr. Keenan was interested in nature. Many fond memories of walking through prairies, wetlands, and forests with his father prompted him to major in biology at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. It was there that a professor helped him realize his true calling lay on a different path - studying and teaching philosophy.

"Father Rene McGraw made philosophy come alive for me. I took five of his courses and minored in the subject," said Dr. Keenan, now an associate professor of philosophy at Fairfield University.

Dr. Keenan's about face has meant a world of difference for Fairfield University students, who named him the 2003 Fairfield University Teacher of the Year. Keenan is the 18th professor selected for this honor by the Fairfield University chapter of Alpha Sigma Nu, the National Jesuit Honor Society.

The award is given to a faculty member students select for outstanding dedication to the profession, the students, and the development of the university and surrounding community. Students bestowed the honor at the annual Senior Brunch in May.

Amanda Martignetti, '03, said she enjoyed Dr. Keenan's wit and encouragement in class.

"His enthusiasm for and devotion to the subject is exceptional," she said. "He takes very challenging material, brings it down to a level that everyone can understand, and encourages us to question philosophers and their theories."

In his acceptance speech, Dr. Keenan challenged seniors to continue asking questions and considering all sides to issues.

"If something seems black and white, then you've missed something," he said.

Dr. Keenan credits his father with first challenging him to look beyond their rural farm for a career.

"He told us, 'Pursue whatever you want, whatever makes you happy,'" he said. "So I did."

After graduating from St. John's, Dr. Keenan earned a master's degree and a doctoral degree, both in philosophy, from Loyola University in Chicago. He taught at Loyola and at the University of Essex in Colchester, England, before joining the Fairfield University faculty in 1993.

Dr. Keenan is the author of the book "Death and Responsibility: The "Work" of Levinas" (State University of New York Press, 1999) and the editor of the book "Hegel and Contemporary Continental Philosophy" (State University of New York Press, forthcoming). He recently completed another book, "The Sacrifice of the Sacrifice: On the Way to a Genealogy of Sacrifice," which is being considered for publication by Indiana University Press. He is the author of journal articles on Nietzsche, Levinas, Derrida, and Kristeva.

He is working on projects on evolutionary theory and on the 14th-century mystic Meister Eckhart.

Dr. Keenan is affiliated with the American Philosophical Association, the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, and the American Academy of Religion.

In addition to teaching, Dr. Keenan is known for his community-building skills. He serves as a mentor in the university's Ignatian Residential College, where he meets with a group of 10 students each month, and he organizes an annual faculty softball game and picnic. He also coordinated a recent poetry reading. Off campus, he is a lector and Eucharistic minister at St. James Catholic Church in Stratford.

Dr. Keenan lives in Trumbull with his wife, Liz Keenan, who is an assistant professor of social work at Southern Connecticut State University.

"He told us, 'Pursue whatever you want, whatever makes you happy,'" he said. "So I did."

St. Ignatius Loyola Medal

Karen Donoghue

When she entered Fairfield University, Karen Donoghue didn't waste any time getting involved. With the encouragement of her Freshman Year Experience facilitator, Donoghue joined the Fairfield University Student Association. She also became co-director of the freshman class council, played junior varsity soccer, was a Campus Ministry lector, and participated in countless other activities.

In four short years, Donoghue has changed the face of Fairfield: She helped found the Student Alumni Association to bridge the gap between students and alumni, and became the first female ever to be elected president of the student association. As FUSA president, she has opened communication between students and the administration and has created a student leadership development program to ensure there will be strong leadership in years to come.

A true leader, Donoghue believes her calling is to empower students. "I hope I have made an impact on others, that I have motivated others to become involved at Fairfield and to strive for a passion for leadership," she says.

Donoghue exemplifies Jesuit ideals by balancing academic, social, and extracurricular activities. Her accolades include Omicron Delta Kappa, Who's Who Among College Students, Class Council Member of the Year, and Dean's List. Following graduation, she plans to pursue a master's degree in higher education and become a graduate assistant, with the hope of developing a new generation of student leaders.

"At Fairfield," she says, "I've learned how to be a full person, to feel passionate about something, and to influence people in a positive way."

William J. Kramer '60 Humanitarian Award

Reesa Antony

Reesa Antony says her older sister, Reeja, and her parents inspired her participation in community service by teaching her to give of herself to others. As a sophomore, Antony became a Eucharistic Minister, a member of Sharin' Our Stories, and participated in Urban Plunge. The trip was her first exposure to poverty and homelessness. "The experience made me want to do more, to see more," she says.

As a junior, Antony participated in a spring break Mission Volunteer trip to Eastport, Maine, where she helped tutor and mentor 4-year-olds. The trip cemented her love for children and her desire to work with them.

Antony was a resident assistant her junior year and believes the position helped prepare her for what she knew would be the most emotional and spiritual journey of her life: a Mission Volunteer trip to Ecuador. Before departure, Antony worried about the language barrier. But the Ecuadorians approached her and made her feel as though she belonged, she says. They also showed her that life is not about material things, but about giving of yourself to others.

Memories of the trip will stay with her for the rest of her life, and she thinks it is important to share her experience with others.

Antony is a member of Alpha Kappa Delta and is a two-time recipient of the Alumni Multicultural Scholarship. After graduation, she will pursue a career as a counselor for special-needs children. She's especially interested in working at a children's hospital and obtaining a master's degree in speech pathology.

Wherever life takes her, Antony will never forget her experiences with Campus Ministry and her trips as a Mission Volunteer. "I've seen Christ in all of these people," she says.

Student Achievement Award

Sarah Courtney

HAM Channel

Even before Sarah Courtney was accepted to Fairfield University she knew that she wanted to be involved in the student television station. Today, the HAM Channel is her greatest passion.

As a freshman, Courtney worked in the studio and took courses related to television production. Though television was her interest, Courtney admits she didn't know much about the production side. "I could use the remote!" she says. "Now I can edit shows and I know what all the technical jargon means."

Through her work, Courtney has discovered what it would take to follow her dream of working in television. She has served the HAM Channel as news director, treasurer, executive producer, and now president. Besides making sure the quality of programming was up to par, she was in charge of organizing Stagstock, an annual day of concerts at Fairfield. The event hadn't drawn a big crowd in years past, and Courtney vowed to change that. She booked such a successful concert that Stagstock was awarded the 2001-2002 Event of the Year.

Courtney is also a FUSA senator and sub-chair of publicity for the Senior Week board. She traveled to Ecuador with Global Outreach, is on the Dean's List, and has been interning at the Fox News Channel since 2001.

After graduation, Courtney will continue her work on the assignment desk at Fox.

Student Achievement Award

Christopher Dill

Great Hunger Cleanup

Co-chair of the Great Hunger Cleanup for three years, Christopher Dill first got hooked on this national endeavor when he was attending a lector meeting in the Egan Chapel of St. Ignatius Loyola. That's when an upperclassman asked Dill to serve on the cleanup's executive board. That meeting forever altered his perception of hunger and homelessness in America, and led him to help Fairfield complete a six-year run as winner of the National Student Campaign for Hunger and Homelessness' Gold Medal Award for Excellence.

Dill says the organization has helped him improve his time management skills and given him a greater appreciation for life and its blessings. He says there is a need for service, recognizing that if "everyone did something, even if it was small, a significant difference could be made in the world." He lives true to his own words: In addition to his work with Hunger Cleanup, Dill is also co-chair of the lectors, treasurer for Habitat for Humanity, a Prospect House volunteer, and a member of Campus Ministry Council. He's also volunteered in Appalachia and served as a Mission Volunteer to Mexico.

Dill is a member of several honor societies, including Alpha Sigma Nu, Alpha Mu Gamma, Omicron Delta Kappa, Alpha Epsilon Delta, and Pi Mu Epsilon. After graduation, he'll work at Nativity Preparatory in Jamaica Plain, Mass., a middle school for inner-city boys. He's confident that he'll return to participate in The Great Hunger Cleanup. It's just one way he plans to practice the Jesuit ideals of service and loyalty that Fairfield University has taught him.

Student Achievement Award

Jordan Schibler

FUSA

Jordan Schibler hadn't given student government much thought until he entered college, and his older sister, Katie '99, encouraged him to join FUSA. Little did he know that FUSA would become an integral part of his four years at Fairfield.

Freshman year, he and class co-director Karen Donoghue organized some innovative and "experimental" programs, including a ski trip, class T-shirts, a trip to Busch Gardens, and a Spring Fling. Schibler continued on as co-director his sophomore year, and served as a cabinet member in his junior year. He also balanced the books for all five FUSA branches.

As a senior, he is an internal executive, serving as a sounding board for students and encouraging administrators involved in the students' lives. In this vein, Schibler organized the first FUSA Open Forum, an opportunity for students to speak freely about issues or concerns with University administrators.

Schibler says he can't think of FUSA without thinking of Fairfield and vise versa. "FUSA has shaped the way I function, view the school, and work with other people," he says. He has also served as building manager for the John A. Barone Campus Center, co-founder and president of the Student Alumni Association, executive co-chair of Orientation, and Senior Week sub-chair, and he has traveled to Mexico as a Mission Volunteer.

Schibler hopes to pursue a career in technology information systems. He says he will never forget his four years at Fairfield. "Fairfield means everything to me," he says. "It has changed the way I look at the world through my mind, body, and spirit."

Student Achievement Award

Edward Seavers

Undergraduate Admission

For Eddie Seavers, being a tour guide is the best way to express his pride for Fairfield University. Involved with the Office of Undergraduate Admission since his freshman year, Seavers has become the first student to sit alongside admission counselors, representing Fairfield at college fairs, regional receptions, and student panels. And today, the tour guide program has more students involved than ever before, thanks to Seavers, who expanded the interview process to find some of the most dedicated students on campus.

Seavers says he has learned much about himself and others by being a tour guide. He enjoys showing prospective students why and how Fairfield could be the best place for them. “This is a lot of fun to do,” he says. “Giving a tour can often make my day because it gives me a chance to tell people how much I love Fairfield.”

Even his daily life has been affected by his experiences - and in turn this affects others. Seavers is the first to spot people who are lost on campus. “This has made me more than willing to go up to that person and try to help out,” he says. “Although it’s a small gesture, it can really make a difference in a person’s day, knowing there are helpful and welcoming people around.”

In addition to his role as tour guide, Seavers has been a resident assistant, junior class treasurer, Senior Week co-chair, and senior class vice president. He is also a Eucharistic minister and a baseball coach in his home state of New Jersey. He is a member of Alpha Sigma Nu, Beta Gamma Sigma, Omicron Delta Kappa, Alpha Mu Gamma, and is a Fairfield University Dean’s Scholar.

After graduation, he wants to pursue a graduate assistantship and a master’s degree in higher education administration. “Fairfield has not only given me great friendships and experiences, but a direction in life,” he says.

Student Achievement Award

Jeffrey Stone

WVOF Radio

"I've always liked to take things that need a little work and make them better," says Jeffrey Stone, who's credited with helping reinvent Fairfield University's radio station, WVOF. As a freshman, Stone signed up to do a Christian Rock show on WVOF called Cornerstone, and has never looked back.

He thanks student broadcast coordinator Casey Timmeny '99, for making his and other students' ideas a reality. When Stone joined the station, he recruited more students, reshaped the on-air programming, and helped secure better equipment for the station. Thanks to his efforts, 150 students work on-air or behind the scenes today and a training program is in place for aspiring deejays.

Stone was also the catalyst in WVOF's move from Regis Hall to the John A. Barone Campus Center. He's also worked on developing a website that enables listeners to tune in via computer and view simulcast shows on the campus television network.

Stone says his responsibilities as station manager have taught him a great deal. "Working at WVOF has made me a stronger person and I now have the confidence to confront and deal with various situations that perhaps I couldn't have before," he says.

Stone has also been involved with Inter-Residence Hall Government and The HAM Channel, is a member of the on-campus Bible Study Christian Fellowship Group, and is a high school youth group leader. He is the recipient of the Bernard J. Kelly Award for Excellence in Television and Radio and is a member of Alpha Sigma Nu, Pi Mu Epsilon, Phi Beta Kappa, and Omicron Delta Kappa. He is looking forward to a career in Christian radio, whether on the air or behind the scenes.

French Government Teaching Assistantships

Laura R. Beauregard (right), of Sudbury, Mass., wanted to teach in France because after spending her junior year in Normandy and Brittany, she knew she wanted to go back. "The culture just fascinates me," said Beauregard, who said she likes the creativity of the French and their history. "I like how they're very, very proud of their culture."

Beauregard will spend next year teaching English to 5 to 7 year old French students in Toulouse through a French Government Teaching Assistantship.

Beauregard has tutored several students in French, and served as a teaching assistant in Fairfield University's Oral Practice Session program. A member of Sigma Iota Rho, the International Studies honor society, Beauregard would ultimately like to study international affairs at the graduate level, possibly in France, or attend law school for international law.

Kelly J. Comiskey (left) of Cutchogue, N.Y., first became interested in France when she studied the language in high school. Comiskey spent her sophomore year in France, studying at the Université de Caen in Normandy. There, she fell in the love with the country, and would have gone back in her junior year had it not been for September 11.

Through the French Government Teaching Assistantship, Comiskey will spend next year teaching English to students and/or French English teachers. She's had plenty of experience in that area, serving two years as a teaching assistant in Fairfield University's Oral Practice Session program. "I love the culture and the language," said Comiskey, a double major in French and International Studies.

Comiskey, who this year was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, would ultimately like to further her education, possibly going to law school for international law, a subject she first took up at Caen.

Whether it be dissecting a sheep's brain, running the campus radio station, or just getting some studying done students are always working hard!

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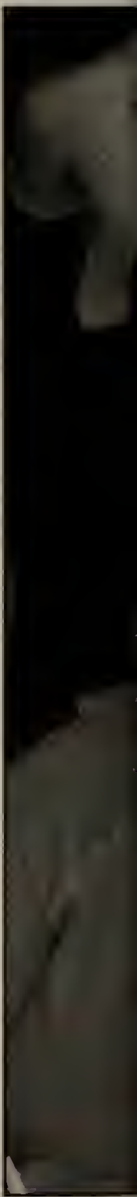

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"Four Fairfield University Students Win Fulbright Scholarships"

Fulbright Scholarship

Kimberly Reidy

Kimberly A. Reidy of Branford, Conn., knew she wanted to teach English in a foreign country, but she needed to find a program in a nation that didn't require her to speak their native tongue.

Reidy, who spent a semester of her junior year in Italy and the following summer backpacking throughout Europe, was also looking for a different cultural experience than that which she had obtained in Western nations. A Fulbright to Korea fulfilled all of those criteria. "I wanted something with an Eastern feel," Reidy said, "something different that I'd never really experienced."

Reidy, a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Tau Delta, completed a double major in English and art history with a minor in Italian Studies this year. During her years at Fairfield, Reidy played field hockey and wrote for the student newspaper, The Mirror. Following her year in Korea, Reidy is considering applying to graduate schools for a master's degree in art history.

Fulbright Scholarship

Brian Beirne

Brian L. Beirne, of Milford, Conn., was this year's recipient of Fairfield University's Bellarmine Medal, which goes to the student with the highest four-year academic standing. A double major in Finance and Information Systems in the Charles F. Dolan School of Business, with a minor in Mathematics, Beirne has received numerous awards during his years at Fairfield, among them: the William G. McGowan Scholarship, which provided $21,000 toward his senior year tuition; the University Fellows Scholarship; the Gleason Award for highest academic standing; a research stipend to study private equity in the European Union; the Finance Award; the Martin Family Award in Information Systems and the Charles F. Dolan School of Business Award.

Beirne is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, the international honor society for accredited business programs; Alpha Sigma Nu, the national Jesuit honor society; and Alpha Mu Gamma, the national foreign language honor society. Beirne won his Fulbright to study NAFTA trading issues, particularly in the pharmaceutical industry, at Queen's University in Canada.

"the most prestigious scholarship awarded by the U.S. government"

Fulbright Scholarship

David Gorman

David A. Gorman of Boston, Mass., wanted to try something new when he came to Fairfield University four years ago, so he took up German. His interest led him to study the language at the University of Freiburg during a semester of his junior year. "I felt like the time there was kind of short," said Gorman, who then decided to apply for a Fulbright. Now, the double major in German and English will put both of his disciplines to work teaching English to German high school students in Saxony.

Germany is not the only international destination that Gorman visited during his time at Fairfield. His work in Campus Ministry took him to Haiti during his senior year for a service project. There he worked with Fairfield University graduate Doug Perlitz and the homeless children of Cap Haitien. During his years at Fairfield, Gorman also played the trumpet in the Fairfield University Orchestra and Fairfield University Band, and sang in the Glee Club.

Fulbright Scholarship

Matthew Smylie

Matthew P. Smylie of Glencoe, Ill., will spend next year testing and developing the next generation of infrared detectors at the Max Planck Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics in Garching, Germany. The detectors have a variety of uses, said Smylie, the most exciting of which may be for high-powered telescopes that will be sent into orbit a decade from now. The infrared detectors can pick up many things that are invisible to the human eye, said Smylie, from "interstellar dust to the inside of galaxies to new planets."

The applications are exciting, but it's the hands-on laboratory work that really thrills Smylie, who has spent the last couple of years at Fairfield University working on the detectors with physics professor Nancy Haegel, Ph.D. Smylie spent a year in Germany before coming to Fairfield University, where he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa in his junior year. Smylie majored in physics and German and minored in math. Following his year in Garching, Smylie would like to study physics at the graduate level.

Lector Retreat Team 200

Right: The Womens Basketball team huddles before a game, feeling confident that their hard work will lead to a "W."

Lower Right: Senior Isaac Brockman protects his quarterback, Junior Mike Mertz.

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Athletics here at Fairfield is a longstanding tradition of excellence and dedication. Any student who has ever attended a game or match can attest to the fact that each team represents a melange of incredible athletes. These athletes, combined with a highly supportive coaching staff and faculty, makes for one, unified team in itself, ready to take on any opponent. From freshman to seniors, this Fairfield tradition of excellence remains unparalleled.

Left: Sophomore Andy Uria looks for a teammate to pass to. Middle: Our own cross country team eagerly awaits the sound of the gun. Right: Junior Kristen Keleher is ready for anything.

Stags Go Out With a Bang

The Stags finished off their 2002 season, which was perhaps their last season as a varsity sport at Fairfield with an overall record of 5-6 and a 5-3 MAAC mark under second-year head coach Joe Bernard. Bernard resigned at the end of the season as head football coach at Fairfield University to accept a coordinator position with the Duquesne University football team. Joe Bernard commented, "I have been very fortunate to be surrounded by such outstanding student-athletes that have such a tremendous work ethic. I have also had the pleasure of working with an outstanding coaching staff, whose hard work and dedication has made Fairfield a force in the MAAC."

Seven players received a berth to the All-Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) team, including four first team players. The teams were selected by vote of the conference coaches. Senior tight end Matt Giugliano (Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.), senior receiver Andrew Turf (Winnekta, Ill.), junior defensive back Nick Totaro (Roseland, N.J.) and sophomore punter Jeff Gomulinski (Naugatuck, Conn.) each earned first team honors. Senior quarterback Mike Cerchio (Red Bank, N.J.), junior offensive lineman Mike Mertz (Wilmington, Del.) and junior Mark Baumer (Medford, N.J.) collected second team laurels.

As of February 6, 2003, it was announced that football would be cut as a varsity sport at Fairfield. This was both shocking and upsetting to many, but the decision still stands. The 2002 season was a valient ending for the program - the team was comprised of many good men and will be forever part of Fairfield's history.

MEN'S FOOTBALL

Scoreboard

Fairmont State	L 24-20
@Lasalle	W 25-14
@Georgetown	L 21-3
Fordham	L 51-6
@Marist	L 33-29
Iona	W 15-12
@Siena	L 36-20
Canisius	W 21-14
St. Peters	W 27-13
St. Johns	W 44-21
@Duquesne	L 27-0

Left: Loyal fans brave the cold to root on the Stags.

bove: Jr. Drew ilhalik keeps Sr. QB ike Cerchio from arms way.

Above: The Stags prepare for the snap, to the left, the defense ensures that no one gets past.

Keeping the Goal In Mind

The Stags had an exciting 2002 season, finishing wtih a 9-7-3 overall record, and a 6-2-1 mark in the MAAC under head coach Carl Rees. Coaches from the conference had high expectations for the team, giving it a number two position in the MAAC pre-season coaching poll. Living up to the expectations, the Stags posted impressive scores that helped them to secure a place in the MAAC tournament. The team made its way to the MAAC Championships with its win over Niagara University on November 10, 2002.

Above: Sophomore Danny Attwell uses some fancy footwork to blow past the defense.

Right: Sophomore Sean Meyer gets ready to jump in and pass the ball to his teammate.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Scoreboard

@ Boston	L	2-1
Harvard	L	2-1 (ot)
Dartmouth	W	1-0
Richmond	T	1-1 (ot)
@ Iona	W	2-1
Furman	L	4-3
@ Clemson	L	3-0
@ Yale	L	1-0 (ot)
Marist	W	1-0
@ Cornell	W	2-1
@ Brown	W	2-0
@ St. Peters	W	1-0
Manhattan	W	1-0
Loyola	L	2-1 (2ot)
Rider	W	1-0
Siena	L	1-0
@ Canisius	T	1-1
@ Niagara	W	2-1
MAAC Tournament		
Marist	T	0-0

Above Left: Senior Bryan Harkin rushes to celebrate a game-winning goal with his teammates.

Left: Freshman Bill Androutsos shows off his dribbling skills.

Kick to New Heights

Above: Jessica Stamos (#28) prepares for a big kick.

Above Left: Players watch on as the ball is in the air.

Left: Lindsey Pulito (#23) chases after the fast moving ball.

Right: Danielle DellaCorna raises her hand high.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Fairfield University women's soccer team had five of its own named to the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference's (MAAC) All-MAAC squads. Defenders Kelly Chapple and Maureen Miller join forwards Meghan King and Lindsey Pulito on the All-MAAC Second Team, while goalkeeper Katie Ely earned a spot on the All-MAAC Rookie team. Chapple, a 5-foot-7 junior out of Trumbull, CT has been a stalwart in the Stags' backfield all season, starting in each of Fairfield's 18 games. Miller, a 5-foot-9 junior out of East Rockaway, NY who converted to defense from the midfield has also started each of Fairfield's 18 games and has added three assists. Together the two combined to make up the MAAC's stingiest defense, allowing just a single goal in conference games this season.

King, a 5-foot-4 sophomore out of Charlestown, MA earned MAAC Rookie of the Year in 2001 as well as a spot on the All-MAAC Rookie team. She ranks second behind her counterpart Lindsey Pulito, who managed to record 10 goals and six assists for 26 total points in 18 games. This season the 5-foot-1 Kensington, CT native led the MAAC in scoring with eight conference goals and five conference assists for 21 total points. Ely, a 5-foot-10 freshman out of Schnecksville, PA earned both MAAC Player and Rookie of the Week honors this season. This team is maturing and will be back in full form next year.

Scoreboard

@Wagner	W3-2
@Ohio	L5-1
@Kent State	L2-1
@Brown	L 5-0
@Vermont	L3-2
St. Joseph's	L1-0
@Iowa State	T1-1
@Stony Brook	T2-2
Canisius	W3-0
Niagara	W5-1
@Siena	W1-0
@Marist	W2-0
@Iona	W2-0
Yale	L3-0
Manhattan	W1-0
St. Peters	W10-0
@Loyola	T0-0
@Rider	W3-0
@MAAC Tournament	
Rider	L2-1

Above Left: The Lady Stag looks like she's gonna win the ball.

Left: The team looks on in anticipation of the next play.

The Lady Stags Are Back in Action

Under head coach Jackie Leonard, Fairfield's field hockey team was looking forward to another successful season. Several key players returned to the Stag's field hockey team this year, and they continued to still be talented individuals.

Last year's top scorer, senior Dani Brown, returned and scored a team high 12 goals this season. Also in the senior class, Liz Croney was another experienced player, who is very important to the team. The third senior on the team, Kara Lynch, showed her depth on the defense. The talent proved to also exist in the underclassmen of the team, and together, the lady Stags finished 7-12 overall (2-4 conference, and 5-8 non-conference). "We went up against teams that were better than us because they had amazing individual players; yet we were able to stand up to them or beat them by playing as a team," states Croney.

Brown earned high honors this season, and is in Fairfield record books as being third in career goals (35) and for career points (81). She was named first-team All-Region, with teammate Croney named to second-team All-Region.

Above: Kara Lynch (#9) goes after the ball.

Although they did not make it to the NCAA's like they did the year before, they wer lucky in that they had one of the closest teams ever. Junior Julie Knoblich sums it up saying, "We have always been a team with a lot of heart and desire, but now we actually have the skills and the means to get what we want and t win."

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Above: The whole team poses together.

WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY

Scoreboard

Providence	W 2-1
Rhode Island	W 4-1
Rutgers	L 2-1
@Colgate	L 2-1
@Hofstra	L 4-0
Dartmouth	L 6-2
Holy Cross	W 2-1
@Drexel	L 1-0
@St. Josephs	L 1-0
Americans	L 2-1
Pacific	W 4-0
@Northeastern	L 2-0
Lehigh	W 3-2
Columbia	W 4-1
@Monmouth	W 2-0
@Bucknell	L 2-1
Connecticut	L 3-2
Lafayette	L 3-2
Yale	L 6-2

Above: The three captains- Liz Croney, Kara Lynch, and Dani Brown

Below: Teammates give each other highfives

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Runners With a Mission

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Above: Many of our female runners are on their way to victory.

Left: Members of the Men's Cross Country team gather in front of the library.

Below Left: Girls are in for a pep talk.

Below Right: The men are off and running.

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MEN'S & WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Above: Exhausted after their race, two Fairfield runners still manage to smile and hold themselves up.

Both the Fairfield University men's and women's cross country team finished sixth at the 2002 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships, held at Van Cortlandt Park. Senior Erin Heslin (Kensington, Conn./Berlin) was the top runner for both teams with a ninth place showing. Freshman Shannon Kenefick (West Reading, Conn./Joel Barlow) placed second on the team, and 24th overall, with sophomore Lauren Wilson (Queensbury, NY/ Queensbury) crossing the line third for the Stags. On the men's side Sophomore Bryan Mahoney (Milton, Mass./Milton) led the Stags in the five-mile course and junior Matt Borland (Montgomery, NY/Valley Central) was right behind Mahoney.

Four Fairfield University men's cross country runners and one women's runner were named to the 2002 New York Lottery MAAC Cross Country All-Academic Team. Matthew Borland (Montgomery, NY), Jeffrey Illustrato (Pelham Manor, NY), Bryan Mahoney (Milton, Mass.), and James Naldi (Huntington, NY) were all named to the men's squad, and Erin Heslin was named to the women's team.

Reaching New Heights

Adversity is very familiar to the Fairfield Women's volleyball team. Despite starting the season with only nine players, three of whom had surgery in the past year, and a new head coach, Jeff Werneke, the women were able to overcome and win the regular season, an incredible feat considering the demanding circumstances. While it took months of preparation and dedication to unite as a solid force, the ladies prevailed. As first-team All-MAAC recipient, Junior Kristin Anderson put it, "By the end of the season, we were really gelling and getting used to the caoch and his techniques. We came up short in the posteason but I know that we all learned from this year and will be able to match and surpass our achievement next season."

Freshman Casey Machon received honors for Second Team All-Conference. Juniors Kristin Anderson and Rebecca Guess were acknlowledged for their scholastic accomplishments; they are recognized as members of the New York State Lottery MAAC All-Academic Team as well. The Fairfield Lady Stags finished the 2002 season with an overall record of 19-15, and an 8-1 mark in the MAAC.

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Above: Juniors Kristin Anderson and Laurie Brands answer with a tough defensive block while Freshman Casey Machon is ready to pick up anything.

Meet the Team: top row (left to right) Head Coach Jeff Werneke, Rebecca Guess, Kristin Fernandez, Lauren Laramore, Laurie Brands, Kristin Anderson, Assistant Coach Kera Carter. bottom row (left to right) Casey Machon, Erin Doherty, Sasha Blake, Kelly Sorensen.

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Left: Sophomore Kelly Sorensen reaches to set up her teammate, Becky Guess, for the kill.

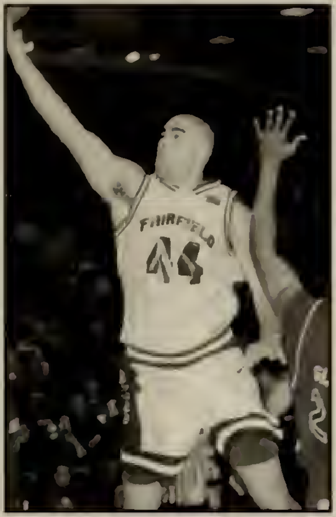
Bottom Left: Seniors Sasha Blake and Erin Doherty pose before a game, as proud members of Stags Volleyball.

Scoreboard

Asics Invitational, Texas Tech	L	3-0
Asics Invitational, Hofstra	L	3-1
Asics Invitational, Kentucky	L	3-0
Central Conn	W	3-2
Seton Hall	W	3-1
New Hampshire	L	3-2
Penn State	L	3-0
FU Classic, Harvard	W	3-0
FU Classic, Stonybrook	W	3-0
FU Classic, UIC	L	3-0
@ Jacksonville	L	3-0
@ Northeastern	W	3-1
@ Valpraiso	L	3-0
Pennsylvania	L	3-0
Wagner	W	3-0
Albany	W	3-1
@ Yale	L	3-1
Farleigh Dickinson	W	3-0
@ Long Island U	W	3-1
St. Peter's	W	3-2
@ UCONN	L	3-1
Long Beach State	L	3-0
@ Loyola	W	3-1
Manhattan	W	3-0
Iona	L	3-0
Canisius	W	3-0
Niagara	W	3-1
@ Marist	W	3-1
@ Siena	W	3-0
St. Franicis, Pa	W	3-0
MAAC Tournament @ Orlando, Niagara	W	3-0
MAAC Tourny, St. Peter's	L	3-1
MAAC Tourny, Loyola	L	3-2

Below Right: Senior forward/guard Nick Delfico drives hard to the basket and finishes with a soft fingeroll.

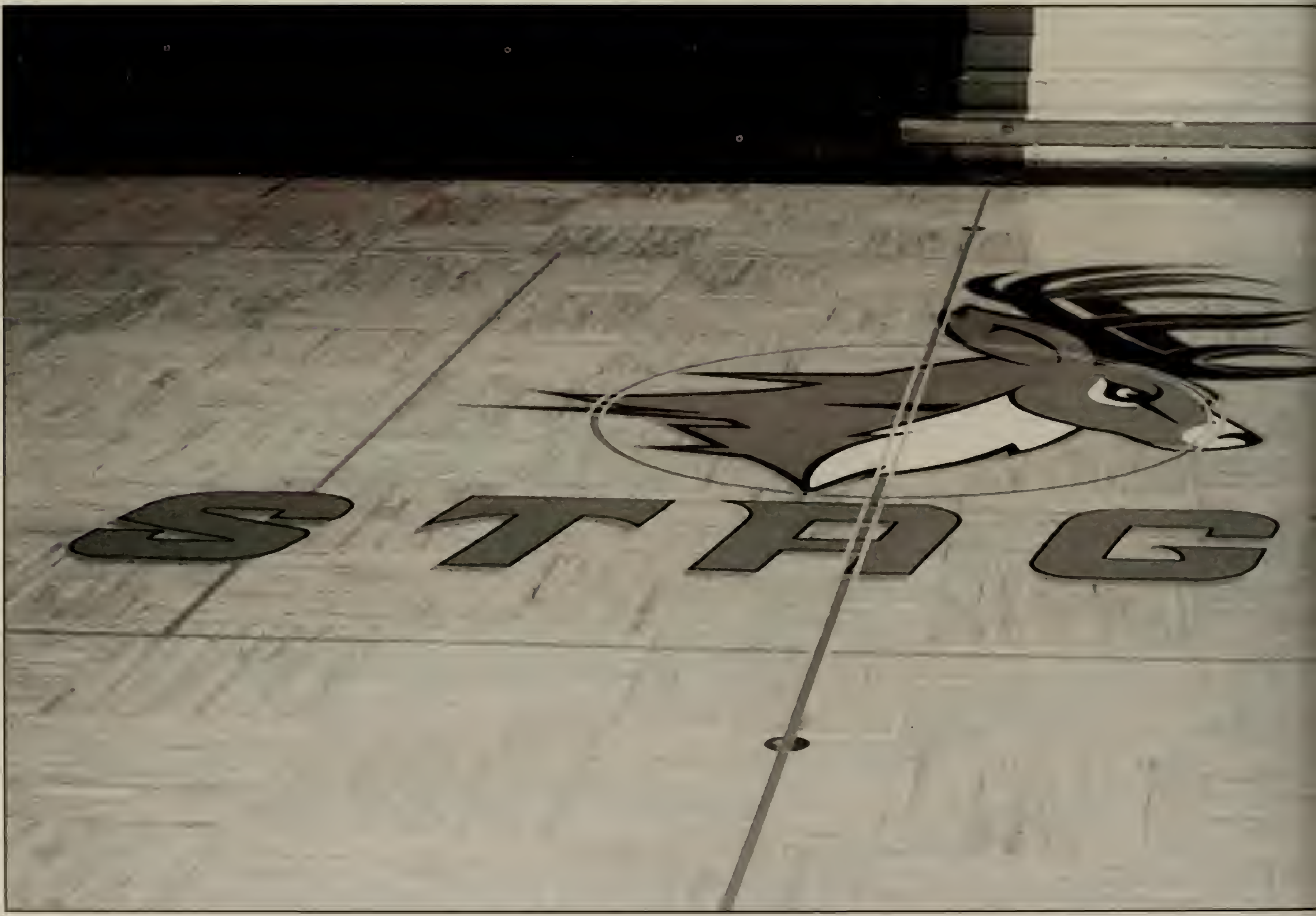
Below Left: Sophomore guard Tyquawn Goode looks for an open teammate as he sprints down the court.



Above Left: Senior forward Oscar Garcia fends off the defense as he makes his move.

Above Right: Sophomore guard Kudjo Sogadzi dribbles hard past the defense.

Opposite: Head Coach Tim O'Toole yells out a defensive strategy for the next time the men come down the court.



MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Fairfield Men's Basketball 2002-2003 season was nothing but a huge success. The team gave its fans plenty of excitement. Beating NCAA tournament teams like UNC-Wilmington and Manhattan, making an appearance on ESPN during the championship game and the home game attendance of more than 6,500 fans at the National Invitational Tournament are just a few accomplishments the team boasts. All of this would not have been possible without the leadership of three experienced seniors, Nick Delfico, Ajou Deng and Oscar Garcia, who helped cultivate a young team. The junior class standout, Rob Thomas, made appearances in all 31 games and will return next season to lead his team. Sophomores Deng Gai, Kudjo Sogadzi and Tyquawn Goode were no exception with their equally meaningful team contributions. The minutes each and every player gave, however, matter in terms of the success of the season. As Head Coach Tim O'Toole put it, "Every player contributed to our success this season. Thats what makes us such a special team. So many teams have one or two guys that carry a team. That wasn't the case for us."

Scoreboard

Harvard	L	69-67
St. Johns	L	81-68
UNC-Wilmington	W	69-60
Iona	W	83-78
DePaul	L	73-45
Marist	W	86-77
American	W	68-57
Fordham	W	91-83
Charleston Southern	L	66-64
Duke	L	86-58
Yale	W	59-57
Loyola	W	72-60
Rider	W	66-59
Canisius	W	76-71
Iona	W	82-78
Siena	W	80-71
Manhattan	L	93-86
St. Peters	W	79-57
Siena	L	74-71
Canisius	W	72-68
Niagara	L	74-85
Manhattan	W	70-68
Marist	W	67-56
Rider	L	58-56
Niagara	L	83-79
St Peters	W	73-71
Loyola	W	69-51
St Peters (MAAC)	W	68-60
Siena (MAAC)	W	67-63
Manhattan (MAAC)	L	69-54
Boston College (NIT)	L	90-78

Setting Higher Standards

The Lady Stags: Heads Above the Rest

The women's basketball team hoped to have a special season this year like they had in years past. Everyone had high expectations with the return of All-MAAC Senior forward Schrene Isidora, and Captain MaryBeth Chartier. In addition, Coach Diane Nolan brought in a strong freshman class and transfer student Janelle McManus from Boston College to add to the roster.

Unfortunately, the season did not go as well as planned. Isidora was side-lined early in the season with a knee injury and was forced to sit out the remainder of the season. Playing a strong non-conference schedule, including Penn State, Villanova, George Washington, and Wisconsin-Green Bay, other players were forced to step up. Before the beginning of the MAAC conference play, Sophomore Kate Hammerer suffered a season ending injury as well. Despite the hardship of losing two starters, the Lady Stags were still strong competitors in conference play. Cathy Dash and McManus both played well, earning third team All-MAAC accolades. Freshman Ivana Podrug also excelled earning a spot on the All-MAAC Rookie team.

Above: Junior Milica Miljkovic jumps to get the ball before her competitor does.
Right: Sophomore Kate Rusie prepares to shoot a foul shot.

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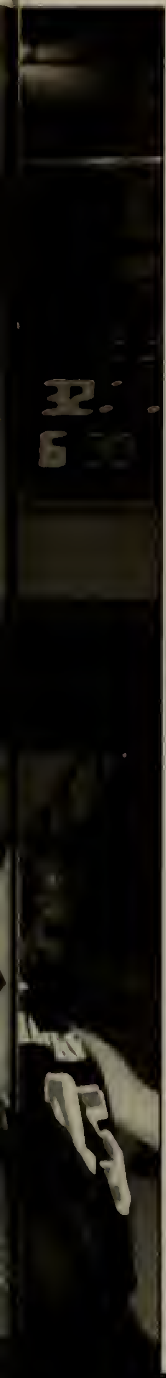


Above: Schrene Isidora looks to fellow teammate to pass the ball.

Above Right: Hammerer jumps up for the rebound

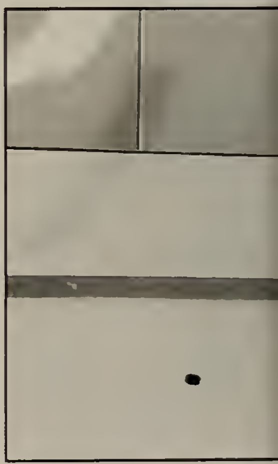
Below: The Lady Stags receive words of encouragement from Coach Diane Nolan during a time-out.

Scoreboard

Penn St	L 96-50
@ Delaware St	W 70-59
Coca-Cola Classic Hofstra	L 89-70
Coca-Cola Classic N'Eastern	L 73-63
@ Siena	L 76-53
@ Seton Hall	L 85-50
Marist	L 57-51
@ Wisconsin Green Bay	L 80-52
Villanova Classic New Hampshire	W 74-69
Villanova Classic	L 88-42
@ George Washington	L 84-65
Loyola Md	W 71-67 (OT)
@ St. Peter's	L 62-57 (OT)
@ Canisius	W 75-71
@Niagara	L 75-74
Manhattan	L 68-43
Siena	L 67-55
@ Loyola Md	W 65-56
@ Rider	W 78-61
@ Marist	W 57-55
Iona	W 84-63
@ Manhattan	L 61-51
Rider	W 79-72
Niagara	L 74-61
Canisius	L 82-79 (OT)
St. Peter's	W 80-74
@ Iona	W 72-62
MAAC Tournament, Rider	W 67-53
MAAC Tourney, Niagara	L 76-65

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

Captains- clockwise starting with the main photo: Senior Casey LaFlamme, #10, battles for the puck during a face off; Senior Dan Cotter travels toward the goal; Senior Rae Metz, #24 looks for an open man to pass to; Senior Ryan Tormey keeps the puck in possession; Senior defender Steve Calderara prepares to pass to a teammate



Skating Proud

Sadly, and after much protest, Men's ice hockey is coming to an end at Fairfield University. The guys on the 2002-2003 team will go down in FU history, but not only because it was the last season of hockey, but because they put their hearts and souls into each game knowing that they would not be Stags after this year.

The team finished their season with a 6-0 loss at home; however it was not without a fight. Junior Craig Schnappinger made 17 saves, followed by sophomore Andrew Martin who came in relief halfway through the second period and made 13 stops. Overall the Stags 2002-2003 season record was 8-22-2 and 7-16-2 in the MAAC.

Rae Metz, the captain of the team, was named to the 2002-03 Itech All-MAAC Second Team. A three-year captain, he led the Stags scoring in each of his four seasons; he also finishes his career ranked 12th on Fairfield's all-time scoring list with 52 goals and 82 assists for 134 points. His 130 career games played ties him with fellow senior Casey Laflamme for the all-time record at Fairfield. This season Metz finished with a 10-20-30 stat line in 32 games played, ranking him in a tie for 12th in the MAAC's overall scoring race.

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Scoreboard

@US National Team Development	L 6-0
@US National Team Development	T 2-2
@Quinnipiac Cup	L 4-3
@Quinnipiac Cup	L 2-0
@Vermont	L 3-2 (OT)
UCONN	T 2-2 (OT)
@Bentley College	W 3-2
Mercyhurst	L 6-1
Quinnipiac	L 5-3
@Holy Cross	L 4-3
@Iona	L 4-3
Iona	L 4-1
Army	L 3-1
Air Force	L 5-4
Air Force	W 3-0
@Alabama-Huntsville	L 8-1
@Alabama-Huntsville	L 8-2
Bentley College	W 7-2
@UCONN	L 5-4
@UCONN	W 3-2 (OT)
@Sacred Heart	T 2-2 (OT)
@Quinnipiac	L 4-3
@Mercyhurst	L 4-3
@Canisius	W 4-2
Canisius	L 4-2
Mercyhurst	L 4-2
Army	W 4-2
@Army	L 4-2
AIC	W 5-1
@Bentley College	W 5-2
Holy Cross	L 3-0
Sacred Heart	L 4-3 (OT)
Iona	L 6-0

Above: The whole team gathers for a picture.

Below: Senior Mike Cippollino swimming the backstroke.

Left: Senior Chip Stryker doing what he does best: the butterfly stroke.

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MEN'S & WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

Above: Senior Samantha Dour preparing for her free style swim.

In late October, the men and women swimmers of Fairfield University began their season. Although they lost to Rider in their season opener, they didn't let this get them down and were soon back in action.

At the MAAC Championships at Loyola College in February, both the men and women's swimming and diving teams performed extremely well. With the men's team placing fourth and the women's placing fifth overall, they also set many school records in this event. For the women, So. Janet Early set a new school record in the 100 Breaststroke, and Christie LaRusso, Janet Early, Jaime Bivona, and Kelly Steele combined to set a record in the 400 Medley Relay. Also, in the 400 Free Relay Megan Magura, Virgina Meade, Megan Powers, and Kelly Steel set a record, and in the 800 Free Relay, Regina Lawrence, Bridget McKeon, Virginia Meade, and Kelly Steele broke the record. In the men's division, Sr. Frank Vitulli broke the record in the 1000 Free and also the 1650 Free. Newcomer Sean Killelea also set a record in the 400 Individual Medley.

Also outstanding were the divers. Many women placed in the one meter, such as Jr. Chrissie Mayr in 3rd, and also in the three meter Mayr came in 5th. Karen Seavers, Kate Niemczyk, and Stephanie Gonzalez also came in strong. Rob Penwell, Jake Kravitz, Peter Leverme, and Jon Barrett also placed well.

For this 2002-03 winter season, the entire swimming team accomplished many goals. They are looking to set even more records next year and are ready to overcome any new challenges.

Stags Swinging Strong!

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MEN'S BASEBALL

Scoreboard

@ George Washington	L 10-9 (8)
@ George Washington	L 16-5 (9)
@ Drexel	L 9-4
@ UMBC	L 14-3
@ UMBC	W 6-4
@ UMBC	W 10-5
@ St. John's	L 11-3
@ Central Conn.	L 7-4
Siena	L 2-1 (10)
Siena	L 6-4
Siena	L 6-0
Central Conn.	L 10-6
@ Army	T 3-3
Niagara	W 12-6
Niagara	L 11-4
Niagara	W 5-4
@ Fordham	L 5-3
Conneticut	L 13-8 (7)
@ Canisius	W 8-5
@ Canisius	L 7-2
@ Mass.	L 15-9
St. Peter's	L 4-3 (11)
St. Peter's	L 5-2
St. Peter's	W 4-3
@ Pace U.	L 10-1
Rhode Island	L 7-6
@ Marist	L 6-2
@ Marist	L 2-0
@ Marist	L 11-1
@ Yale	L 13-6
@ LeMoyne	L 4-2
@ LeMoyne	L 8-4
@ LeMoyne	L 10-1
@ Rider	L 8-2
@ Rider	L 6-3

* still a few more games to come at this point*

Upper Left: Junior Nick Hudyma slides safely into the base.

Left: He swings, it connects! Sophomore Greg Batista has another hit!

Right: Junior Antuan Barnett is ready for any pitch coming his way.

MEN'S BASEBALL

The Stags finished the 2002 season with a 20-30 record overall, and were looking forward to improving on this record this year. They were picked to finish 7th in the 2003 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Preseason Coaches Poll and hoped to show up the other teams in the league and come out higher than that. Although they did not improve on the previous year's record, they are still optimistic about the team's future.

They opened the season against the defending Atlantic-10 champion George Washington, and lost only 10-9 in eight innings. When they played UMBC and Niagara, they won both series 2-1, and this was a great feeling for the whole team. Third basemen Sal Mancuso '04, made it into the NCAA rankings in doubles per game on April 14th. With the games up to that point, he had 12 doubles for a 0.55 per game average. He was ranked 7th overall.

This team did not have a season full of winning games, but they had heart. They played games that were exciting to watch and have next year to work on many new things. The baseball Stags have a lot to look forward to in their careers.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

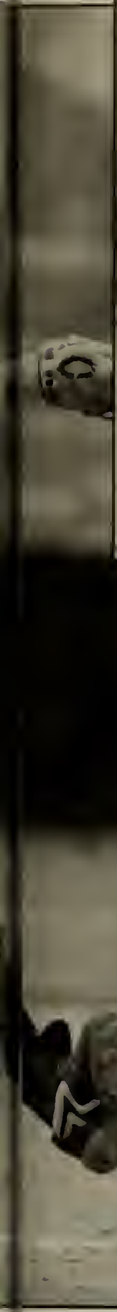
Scoreboard

Campbell (in N.C.)	W 4-1
Towson (in N.C.)	L 7-0
East Carolina (in N.C.)	L 3-2
Canisius (in N.C.)	W 6-3
ECU Tourn (in NC)	W 4-1
George Mason (in FLA)	W 2-0
Bucknell (in FLA)	W 7-2
Robert Morris (in FLA)	W 7-0
Appalachian St. (in FLA)	L 7-0
Quinnipiac (in FLA)	L 5-3
Rhode Island (in FLA)	L 1-0
Butler (in FLA)	W 2-1 (8)
Indiana Purdue (in FLA)	W 3-2 (8)
@ Quinnipiac	L 1-0
@ St. John Tour	W 2-0
Rhode Island	W 1-0
Rhode Island	L 3-1
Boston U.	L 3-2 (9)
@ Yale	L 2-1
@ Yale	L 2-1
Dartmouth	L 3-0
@ Princeton	L 6-5
@ Princeton	L 4-3 (6)
@ Stony Brook	L 8-0
@ Stony Brook	L 4-1
@ Marist	W 7-3
@ Marist	L 4-3
@ Rider	W 5-1
@ Rider	W 4-3
@ Iona	W 5-2
@ Iona	L 2-0
St. Peters	L 1-0
St. Peters	W 6-3
@ Providence	L 1-0 (14)
@ Providence	L 3-1
@ Siena	W 9-0
@ Siena	L 2-0
@ Central Conn.	W 6-3
@ Central Conn.	W 2-1
Canisius	W 4-0
Canisius	W 1-0
Niagara	W 6-2
Niagara	W 3-0
Manhattan	W 8-0
Manhattan	W 1-0

Above: Senior Mellissa Santos winds up for her pitch.

Opposite Left: Junior Laura Sandonato swings and connects!

Opposite Right: In her sixth season at Fairfield, Coach Julie Brzezinski knows how to motivate the team.



Female Sluggers

This year's softball team ended the regular season with a bang: they swept Manhattan College in the last two games of the season. Senior pitchers Mellissa Santos and Christy Urban combined for back-to-back shutouts. Santos struck out 16 batters in her two-hit shutout. This game was very competitive, as the Stags only run came from a misjudged pop up by the shortstop. In the other game, Fairfield scored eight runs and ended the game in the sixth inning due to the eight-run rule.

Heading into the 2003 MAAC tournament, the team had many advantages. With seniors Maria DiPilato, Mellissa Santos, Christy Urban, and Ellen Sarosy, the talent is endless. Throughout their years at Fairfield, they have acquired and improved on many skills. Sarosy explained, "When we came in as freshmen, the senior players told us they wanted to win the MAAC that year. That's the way we thought it should be- to make the MAAC tournament, win it, and get to the NCAA tournament. We seniors are doing the same for our freshmen this year." They are also the first class to make it to the MAAC tournament for the fourth time in their careers, so they had a pretty good idea of what to expect.

With a 27-23 overall record and 12-4 in the MAAC, these Stags can be proud of all they achieved in this season. They have the MAAC tournament to look forward to as the year comes to an end. The seniors of the team will be greatly missed, but their teammates learned so much from them that could never be forgotten.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Fairfield University senior captains, Matt Buecker, C.J. Kemp, and Kris Klein have been selected to the New England Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association's (NEILA) All-Scholastic Team, recognizing excellence in the classroom and on the field it was announced today. In addition, Buecker was named to the NEILA Second Team while Klein earned a spot as an honorable mention.

Buecker, a 6-foot, 175 lb. attack from Street, MD was also a 2003 Great Western Lacrosse League (GWLL) Second Team selection and a 2002 GWLL First Team pick. This season he captained the Stags offense, finishing second in team scoring with 18 goals and 10 assists for 28 points in 11 games. He also collected 17 ground balls. He will finish his career ranked sixth all-time at Fairfield for goals (66) and ninth for points (87).

Klein, a 5-foot-11, 185 lb. defender out of Shoreham, NY also earned 2003 GWLL First Team honors and was a 2001 GWLL Second Team pick. Statistics do not adequately depict Klein's contribution to the Stags however, as his presence without the ball defending opponent's top offensive threats remains his biggest strength-a value which is not quantifiable. This season he captained the Fairfield's defense, helping the Stags limit their opponents to 10.64 goals per game. He collected 29 ground balls in 11 contests, averaging 2.64 gb's per game.

Kemp, a 5-foot-10, 175 lb. goalkeeper from Potomac, MD was also a 2003 GWLL Second Team pick. He was the 2002 GWLL Player of the Year and also earned Fairfield's first-ever All-American Honorable Mention for that season-the only player in school history to earn that distinction. He will finish his career as one of the Stags all-time best players, ranking second in career saves with 606. This season he also served as team captain, finishing with a 5-6 overall record. He averaged 10.8 goals against, and saved 58.5 percent of the shots he faced.

The Stags, under the direction of Head Coach Ted Spencer finished 2003 at 5-6 overall and 1-4 in the GWLL.

Above: #22 Senior Kris Klein runs with determination on defense to win the game.

Opposite: #6 Senior C.J. Kemp is an important part of the team because of his goalie skills.

Scoreboard

Holy Cross	W 14-3
@ Penn State	L 18-6
@ Syracuse	L 19-6
Harvard	W 10-7
@ Providence	W 10-6
@ Brown	W 8-7
@ Butler	L 8-7
Air Force	W 15-8
Hofstra	(Cancelled)
@ Ohio State	L 11-9
Notre Dame	L 14-4
Denver	L 16-9

Shooting for the Top!

The Fairfield University men's lacrosse team lost the last game of the season, but ended with a 5-6 overall record. They fell 16-9 to their Great Western League rivals Denver. AJ Califano led the Stags in scoring with three goals and two assists. CJ Kemp finished his career with another solid performance, making nine saves in goal for the Stags. Overall, the team out shot the Pioneers 42-36, won the ground ball game 46-45, and claimed 19 of 20 face-offs. Although the loss is disappointing, they have to be proud of the great season they had, beating prominent schools such as Harvard and Brown.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Fourth-seeded Marist College upset top-seeded Fairfield University with an 11-9 victory in the first semifinal game of the 2003 MAAC Women's Lacrosse Championship this afternoon on Leonidoff Field.

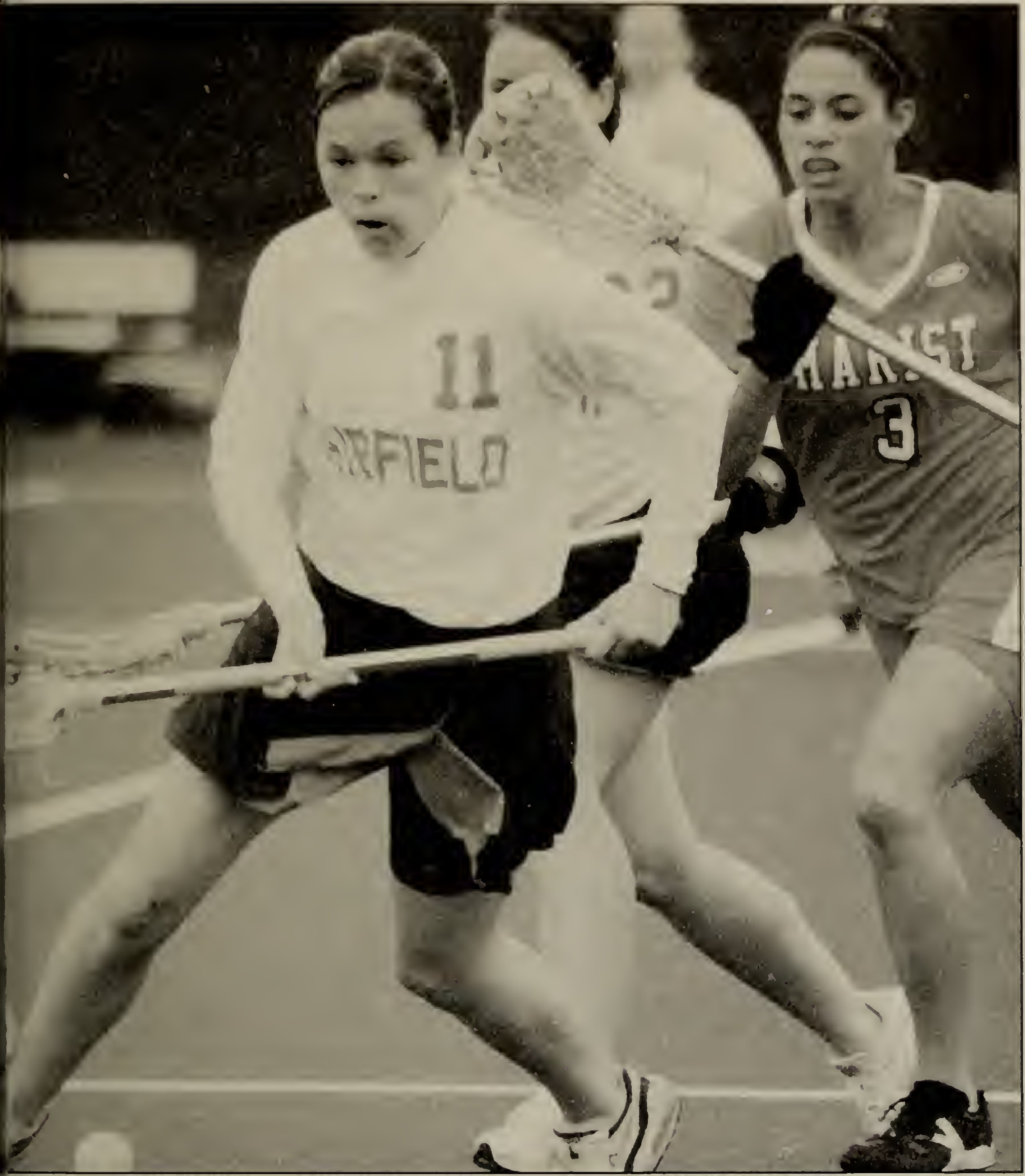
Freshman midfielder Beth Loffredo started off the scoring for the day, netting an unassisted goal less than two minutes in to the first half. Marist sophomore attacker Brandi Peterson responded with her own goal, assisted by senior midfielder Molly Hanley, six minutes later. The score seesawed back and forth to a 3-3 tie, when the Red Foxes broke out and scored nine unanswered goals in the last 14 minutes of the half to own a 9-3 lead at halftime. Peterson scored four of Marist's nine goals in that run.

Marist junior attacker Maria Stehn increased the Red Foxes' lead to 10-4 with a goal six minutes into the second half, assisted by Peterson. But Fairfield began work on a comeback, with one goal apiece from senior midfielder Megan Main and junior attacker Jessica Conahan to move to 10-5 with 20 minutes left to play. Junior midfielder Katie Tutak would score Marist's final goal of the day, assisted by Peterson, at the 11:16 minute mark. Fairfield then embarked on a 4-0 run in an attempt to tie the game, but fell short of the task as time expired. Main and Conahan scored two goals each in the last 10 minutes of the contest for the Stags.

Red Foxes' sophomore goalie Heather Ripp recorded seven saves in the net for Marist, while the Stags' sophomore Monica Janowitz stopped 11 shots between the pipes for Fairfield.

Scoreboard

Wagner	W 13-9
@American	L 16-4
@Villanova	L 15-7
Cornell	L 17-4
@Boston College	L 14-4
St. Bonaventure	L 11-4
Yale	L 13-8
@Niagara	W 15-10
@Canisius	W 17-2
Manhattan	W 17-4
LeMoyne	W 12-4
Holy Cross	W 14-7
@Hofstra	L 14-11
@UConn	L 18-6
Marist	W 10-7
Siena	W 18-2
@MAAC Semi's	L 11-9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Junior attack, Jessica Conahan keeps her eye on the ball as she tries to scoop it out from under her opponents. Meghan Ryan, defense, backs up Conahan, staying shoulder to shoulder with Marist.

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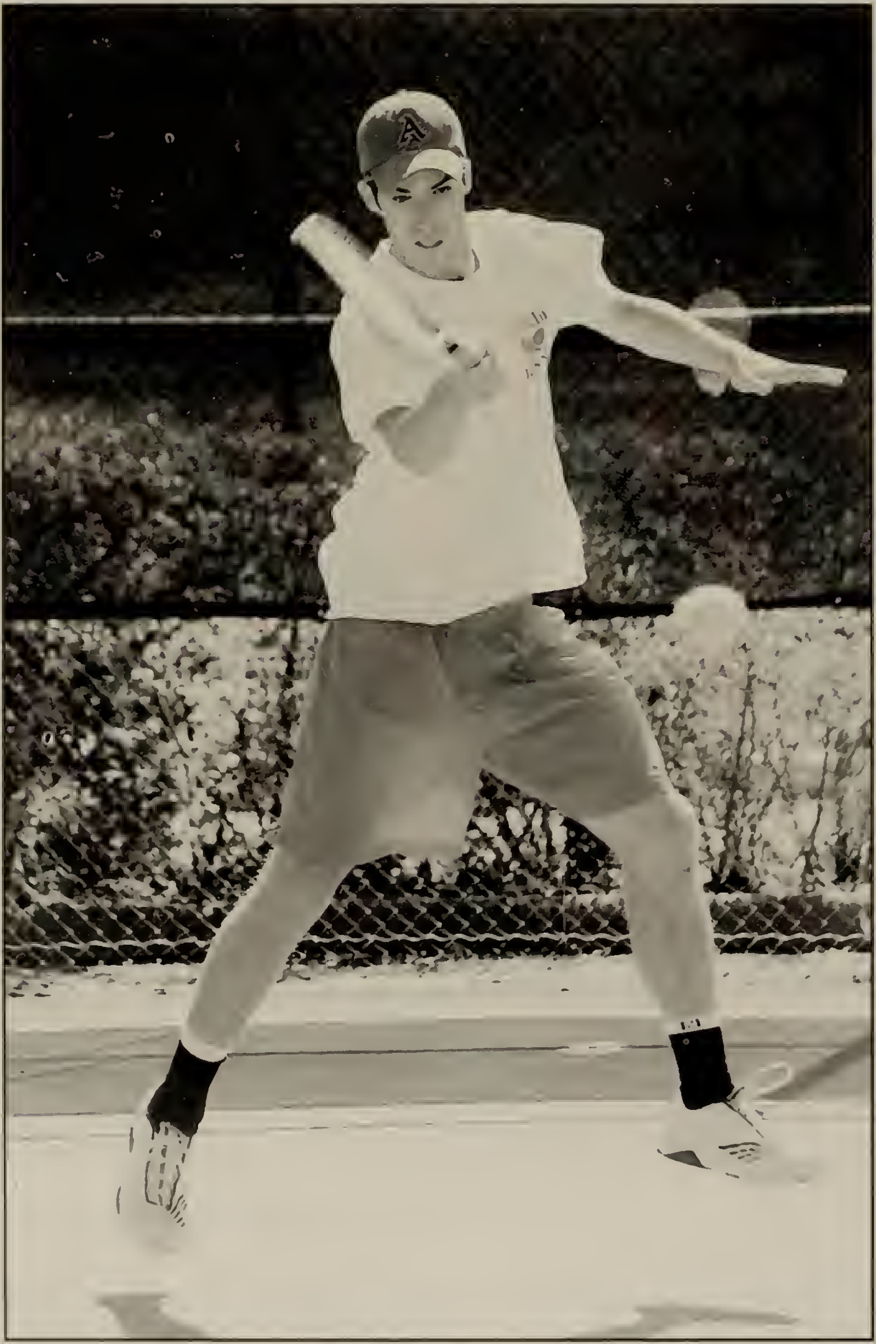
MEN'S TENNIS

The number-three seed Fairfield University men's tennis team defeated the number-six seeded Siena College in the first round of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Men's Tennis Championships at the USTA National Tennis Center.

Despite the Siant taking the doubles point, as Stephen Kouri and Colin Torrance picking up a 9-8 win at number-one doubles, the Stags took four-of-six singles match to advance to the semifinals on Saturday afternoon against the winner of the Niagara-Rider or Saint Peter's first round matchup.

The match will be held on the site of the US Open on Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. Kouri won 6-4, 6-4 at number-one singles, followed by Torrance's 6-2, 6-4 number-two singles win. Kevin Nyarady won a thrilling 7-5, 6-1, 6-4 match at number-three singles, and Christian Bangert had an easy time at number-five singles winning 6-1, 6-0. Fairfield improves to 12-7 on the season, and avenges a 4-3 loss to the Saints on April 18, on a cold and windy afternoon at the Fairfield University Tennis Courts.



Scoreboard

@ St. Francis N.Y.	W 5-1
vs. New Hampshire @ Vermont	W 4-3
@ Vermont	L 6-1
vs. Montana State @ AZ	L 4-3
vs. Southwest Minnesota State @ AZ	W 9-0
vs. Lake Forest @ AZ	W 5-2
@ Boston University	L 5-2
vs. Holy Cross	W 5-2
@ St. Peters	W 7-0
@ Rhode Island	L 7-0
@ Rider	W 6-0
@ Loyola Md.	W 4-3
vs. Niagara	L 7-0
vs. Canisius	W 7-0
vs. Marist	L 7-0
@ Manhattan	W 4-3
@ Iona	W 4-2
vs. Siena	L 4-3
MAAC Championships	W 4-3

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MEN'S TENNIS

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Clockwise (starting with the main photo): Co-Captain Andrea Suriano is ready to set her opponent straight with her powerful serve; Co-Captain Diana Webb follows the path of the ball; the team poses for a picture by the courts; Webb follows through.

Setting the Record Straight: FU Tennis Finish with a Point Above the Rest

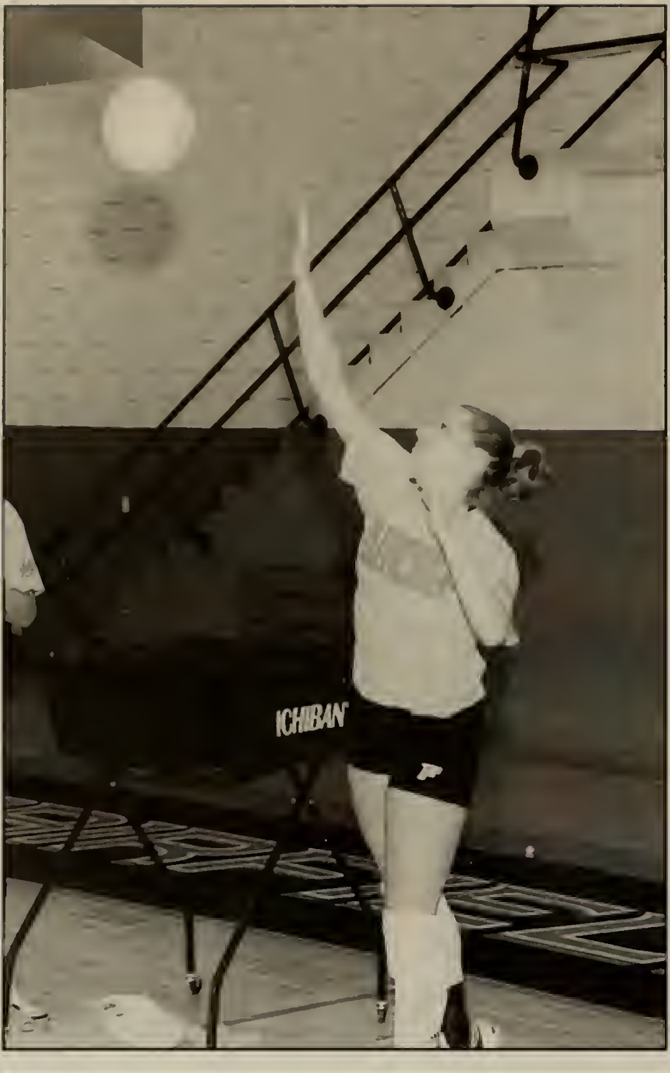
The women's tennis team had a great 2002-2003 season, finishing off with a 10-9 overall season record and a 5-4 MAAC record. The girls made it into the first round of the MAAC tournament, but couldn't quite pull through to the next round. They fell to Marist College 5-2 which ended up dropping their record to 10-10 as a final record.

The number-five seeded Stags dropped the double point, but Fairfield's number-one tandem of Diana Webb and Erin Reeves won their match 8-3. Megan Stauffer won a thrilling three-set match coming back from losing the first set 6-4, but taking the next two 6-4, and 6-1, at number-three singles. Andrea Suriano was the only other Stag to pick up a win on the singles side, taking a straight set, 6-1, 6-2 win at number-four singles.

Junior Andrea Suriano (Eastchester, N.Y.) was named to the women's All-Academic Team. To be eligible for the MAAC All-Academic Team, as student athlete must complete two semesters, be a significant starter or reserve and hold a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 on a 4.0 scale. Suriano, a Finance major, makes her second appearance on the All-Academic Team. The Eastchester, N.Y., native led the Stags with a 5-2 singles record last season.

Scoreboard

@Holy Cross	L 0-7
@Fordham	L 0-7
vs New Hampshire @ Vermont	L 6-1
@Vermont	L 7-0
@Montana State	W 4-3
@Southwest Montana State	W 8-1
@University of Rochester	W 4-3
@St. Peters	W 7-0
@Iona	W 7-0
@Rider	W 5-1
@Loyola Md	L 6-1
vs. Suny-Albany	W 4-3
vs. Niagara	L 4-2
vs. Canisius	W 6-1
@Manhattan	W 6-1
vs. Providence	W 4-3
vs. Marist	L 4-3
vs. Siena	L 5-2
MAAC Championships	L 5-2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WOMEN'S CREW

How would you like to get up at five in the morning and have to work out? It takes extreme dedication, and that is what the women's crew team definitely has. The head coach of this team is Andre Albert, and he works them tough to get them in shape. And their hard work pays off. In the 2003 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) rowing championships, they finished third, as well as a first-place finish by the novice 4 shell. They trailed only Marist and Loyola overall, collecting 67.75 points. The junior varsity 4 also picked up a gold medal, and the varsity 4 lost by less than a second to Marist. They placed third in the varsity 8 race and the novice 8 placed third also.

Although crew is technically a spring sport, they also participate in regattas during the first semester. Because they actively work out as a team for so much of the year, they have made special bonds with each other. The 2003 crew team gained a lot of experience this year and will continue to get better.

Fairfield taking the lead!

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WOMEN'S CREW

Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Top: Varsity 8 Boat takes first place at Dowling Inviational.

Above: Light Weight 8 pushing off the dock in Boston.

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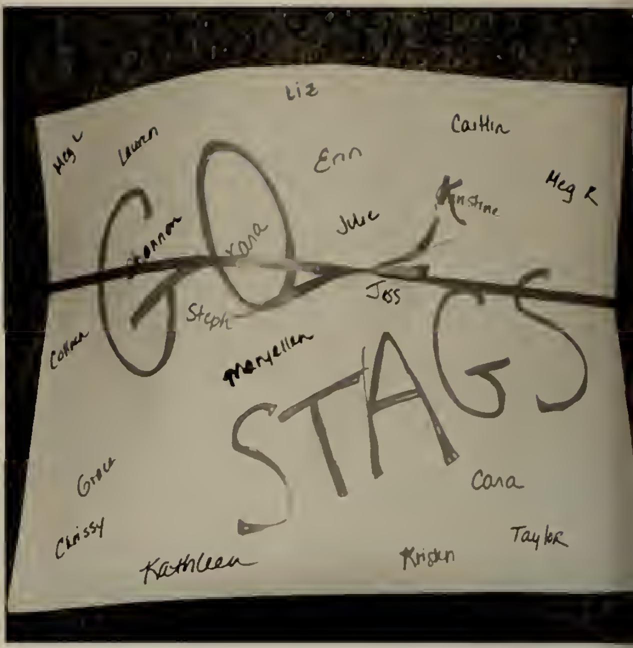

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Cara
Julie
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Grace
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Chrissy
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Kristen
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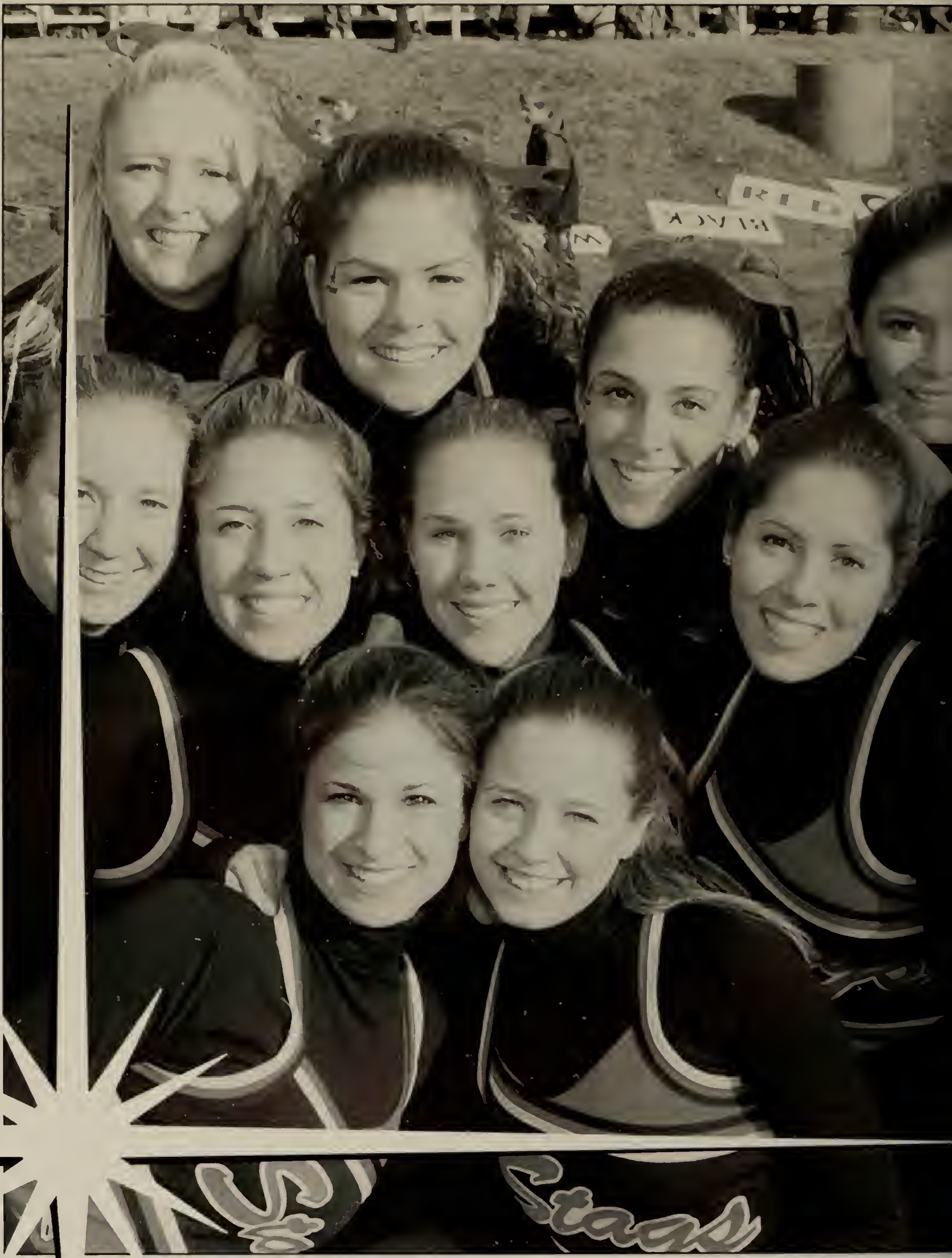
SPORTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Right: Members of Fairfield University's cheerleading squad pose together before a game begins. They appear at many of the school's sporting events get the crowd into the game so we can all cheer on our Stags.



Join Together

clubs & activities

At the beginning of each year, all the clubs of Fairfield U. are eager to get new students to join. Although many of us have to balance classes, jobs, and social life, we still want to participate in the diverse clubs and activities are here. There is something for everyone: our newspaper The Mirror for those who like to write, our television station The Ham Channel for those interested in television broadcasting, or Campus Ministry for those who want to dedicate some time to volunteering in the community. The list just goes on. And as you take part in a club, you are not only doing something you love, but you also meet many of your best friends through these groups. These clubs and activities make up a huge part of your experience here.

From the top: 1. "On the Spot" performing in the Levee. 2. Erin Curtin and Michael Ciavaglia, of the Glee Club. 3. Band members at a football game. 4. Dance team at a basketball game.

SBRA: Student Beach Resident Association

If you opt to live off campus as upperclassmen, chances are that you choose to live at the infamous beach. SBRA (Student Beach Resident Association) is the group committed to represent off campus students as responsible beach residents that will serve the community to the best of their ability. They address concerns of the beach residents and serve as a liaison between University Administrators and Town Officials.

Wild times!

Beach bums

SBRA

This year, SBRA planned many events, such as 200 Nights and Mock Wedding. It takes a lot of dedication from the board members, but they worked hard and made those events happen. Just because you live off campus does not mean you don't get to take part in college events. At the beach, they prove that this is where all the fun happens.

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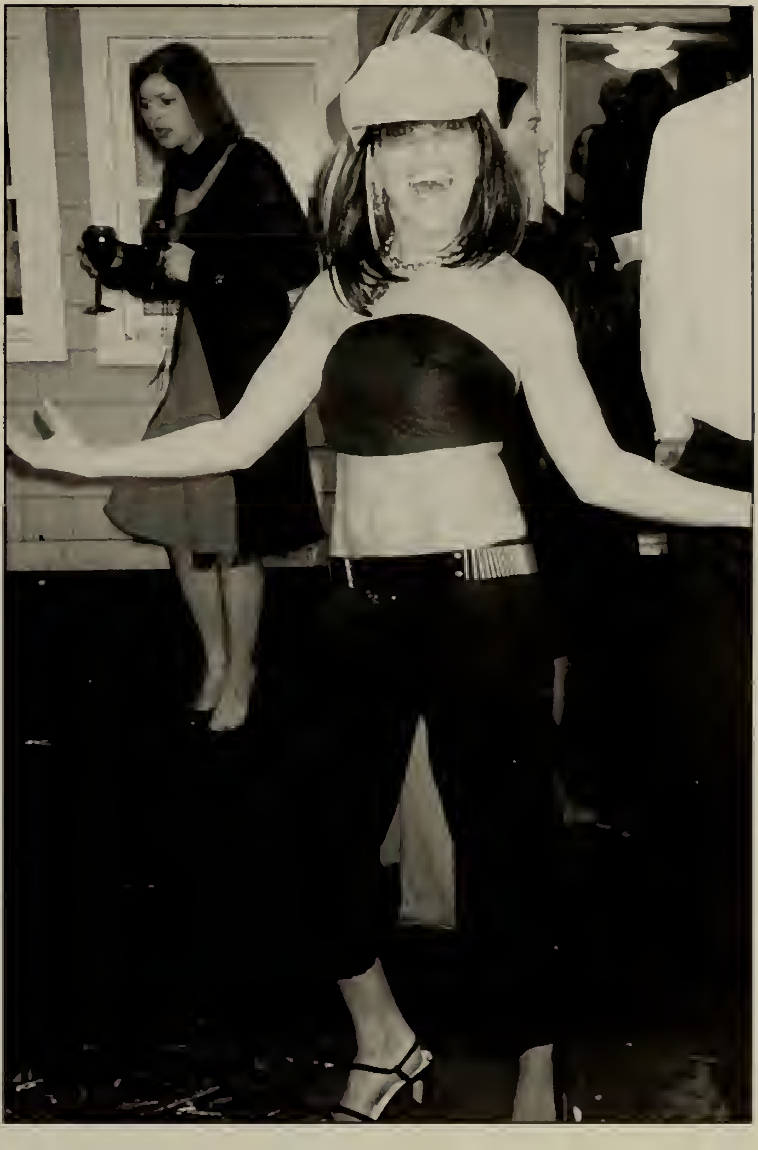

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"The HAM Channel is a family. In my four years at Fairfield, I've made some of my best friends at HAM. We are more than just students who like television. We are passionate producers who work together as a team."
~ Sarah Courtney, HAM President

Bringing us what we are dying to see!

Above: Hammies at Camp Hazen in August preparing for the year ahead.

Below: Ham Channel trip to Lake Compounce for Halloween scares.

FAIRFIELD BASEBALL

THE HAM CHANNEL

Above: Senior Colleen Grady rock climbing at "Go Vertical" in Stamford, on a Ham Channel trip.

Fairfield's student television station, The HAM Channel, combines television production and education for students interested in the trade. The HAM Club is an extension of the station. This group of students dedicated to making television strive to be active and present in student life on campus as well as a social organization devoted to media education.

This year, The HAM Channel kicked off the fall semester with Stagstock, the station's annual all-day, outdoor music-fest. The concert featured the band Virginia Coalition, as well as the student band Madison Prep and Nearfall, an alumni band. The HAM Channel debuted two new shows in the fall: "Perspectives", an opinion talk show featuring national and campus issues and "At the Buzzer" a sports show similar to that of ESPN's "Pardon the Interruption" covering national and university athletics.

The fall semester also saw trips to Go Vertical, a rock climbing gym in Stamford, Lake Compounce for a Halloween scary haunted house, and "The Daily Show with John Stewart", where Hammies got a tour of the studio and met the staff and crew of the show. The HAM Channel website was redesigned highlighting HAM shows, specials, movies and more at www.thehamchannel.com. In November, senior Cristina Bertuca hosted a special forum on merit pay at Fairfield in a discussion with professors Dr. Vincent Rosivach and Dr. Mark Andrejevic. Also in November, seniors Sarah Courtney (HAM President) and Pat Tobin (Director of On-Air Promos) were on the Homecoming court. Many of the club members came out to support them.

THE HAM CHANNEL

The HAM Channel started the spring semester with a makeover set design day, giving new light to the studio and a trip to see Late Night with Conan O'Brien. The club was busy all through February covering the FUSA elections, from pre-interviews with the presidential candidates, the debates, primary, election night, and a post-election follow-up to straighten out the voting conflicts. Hammies were busy through the end of the year filming AND participating in Rock N Jock, Dance Ensemble, Hunger Clean Up, and Mr. Fairfield. The HAM Channel finished the semester with a special FUSA Inauguration special at the end of April.

All in all, it was a very successful year for the student television station that looses nine devoted seniors, many of whom are perusing careers in television who will always look back and thank The HAM Channel for giving them their start.

Above: Senior Sarah Courtney switching Stagstock 2002, The HAM Channel's annua Week of Welcome concert in September.

Left: Seniors Sarah Courtney and Pat Tobin representing The Ham Channel on the Homecoming court.

Below: Seniors Pat Tobin, Megan Ur, and Cristina Bertuca filming at a haunted graveyard

It's Hammin' Time!

Above: Ham Channel seniors at the Christmas party. (back row: Kristen Romanelli, Pat Tobin, Dana Manci, Megan Ur) (front row: Sarah Courtney, Cristina Bertuca, Colin Davis)

HAM CHANNEL SENIORS

Sarah Courtney, *President*
Kristen Romanelli, *Executive Producer*
Pat Tobin, *Director of On-Air Promotions*
Cristina Bertuca
Colin Davis, *Sports Director*
Colleen Grady
Chas Hayes, *News Director*
Dana Manci
Megan Ur

Above: "The Sports Hour" with hosts John Griffin '04 (sports director at WVOF), Rick Briamonte, and Mike Rupp '03, as they give their take on major league baseball.

Right: Jeff Stone '03, at his show "The Cornerstone", which features Christian rock music.

Fairfield University Radio

Left: While doing homework or just chatting on the computer, WVOF is the perfect station to listen to for just about anyone!

Right: Joe Orminski and Tom Grzybowski jammin' on "Behind the Fence."

WVOF

If you have ever asked the question "what song is this?" whle in the cafeteria or campus center, you don't have to go far to find the answer.. WVOF, Fairfield University's own radio station located in the Barone Campus Center seems to be invading everyone's ears these days. Whether you have stared into the glass fishbowl studio at DJs, or went to a WVOF concert like in last Octover when theyo featured "Hot Rod Circuit," or turned on channel 65 and heard the basketball games broadcasted live, or even if you've seen a crazy gorilla (da Beast!) running around campus or town- that's 88.5 WVOF.

WVOF, which stands for the Voice of Fairfield, is a 100-watt station that broadcasts from Norwalk to Milford that has rapidly taken a proud space in Fairfield University's media resources. Senior Jeff Stone, who has been station manager for the past two years, along with a dedicated managerial team, have quickly made a college station that was unknown only a year ago and brought it to be one of the top 50 college radio stations in the country… and they are just getting started! And all students need is the interest to get a show and WVOF will teach you how. Nick Mercadante '04 has revolutionized the music seced from WVOF, getting new artists to play concerts at Fairfield and getting local and student bands to share their talent at Levee shows throughout the year.

WVOF

Right: Jeff Stone '03, Station Manager, with Marketing Director Steve Oliver '03, on air of Stone's show "Cornerstone."

There are so many opportunities in WVOF; whether it be a show ranging from urban music to rock music to sports and news, students can let their voices and interests be heard on WVOF. If that's not your scoop, then students can get involved behind the scenes with sports, marketing, programming, web design, and music working with the music library and new concerts. So next time you are in the BCC wondering that the name of a song is, go and ask WVOF 88.5 da Beast!

Left: Dea Burdick and Cathy Auriana on their show in the web studio.

Below: At a Central Staff meeting, the new Central Staff meets old Central Staff (Nick Mercadante '04 to take over as Station Manager next year for Jeff Stone '03. Also, Business Director Tom Regal, Music Director Caty Marzi, and Web Operations Director Kaveh Ahmadian.)

WVOF 88.5 da Beast!

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Punchline

THEATRE FAIRFIELD

Theatre Fairfield provides activities related to and in support of drama and theatre. Throughout this school year, they preformed various productions such as Steel Magnolias, The Laramie Project, and Pippin. These talented actors worked to entertain the Fairfield student body, and everyone enjoyed the shows.

Above Left: *The Laramie Project*- Paul Desena and Bill Bria.

Left: Backstage during *Steel Magnolias*- Marisa Marquez and Angela Lewauczyk.

Live Every Moment

Right: Cast of *Steel Magnolias.*

Below: Backstage before the show (*The Laramie Project*)- Christ Taggert and Nick Smalige.

"On the Spot" is the improv group of Fairfield University. They impress their audience with their fast responses to whatever the audience requests of them, and the laughter is never ending. This group preformed at the Levee and many other places during the year, and even volunteered to entertain during times like Hunger and Homelessness Week.

Above: Entire cast of *Pippin.*

Right: Megan Bell getting ready before *The Laramie Project.*

THEATRE FAIRFIELD

This group of individuals is like a family, fighting like siblings but also working together like professionals. They have created quality theatre in the years they have been here. The seniors will now be going their separate ways, but will still have their special bond. All they ever wanted was for people to watch them perform, and they got their wish.

Opposite Top: The cast and the crew of *Steel Magnolias*.

Opposite Bottom: Marisa Marquez, Megan Bell, and Liz Capinera.

Top: Marisa Marquez, Liz Capinera, Mary Wei, Angela Lewnczyk, and Megan Bell at the *Steel Magnolias* party.

Above: *The Laramie Project*: Striking the set- Wes Wilson, Kevin Carroll, and Nick Smalidge.

Right: Cast of *Steel Magnolias* in action.

One Big Happy Family

Below: Alex Pasone, Nick Benaquista, Rob Williams, Christ Taggart, Wes Wilson, Susan Haggstrom, and Ryan Farias in *Pippin*. Susan is the first faculty member in the theatre department.

Right: The squad stops to pose as a team.

Below Right: Spreading some Fairfield spirit with a smile!

Below Left: The girls perform a tricky stunt with ease.

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Stags

Stag Pride and Spirit

CHEERLEADERS

Whether at football games or basketball games, our own Fairfield University cheerleading squad never fails to pump up the crowd. They are a spirited and energetic bunch who know exactly how to electrify their fans!

Gooooo Team!!

Above: The girls are in formation.

Right: A little cheer goes a long way!

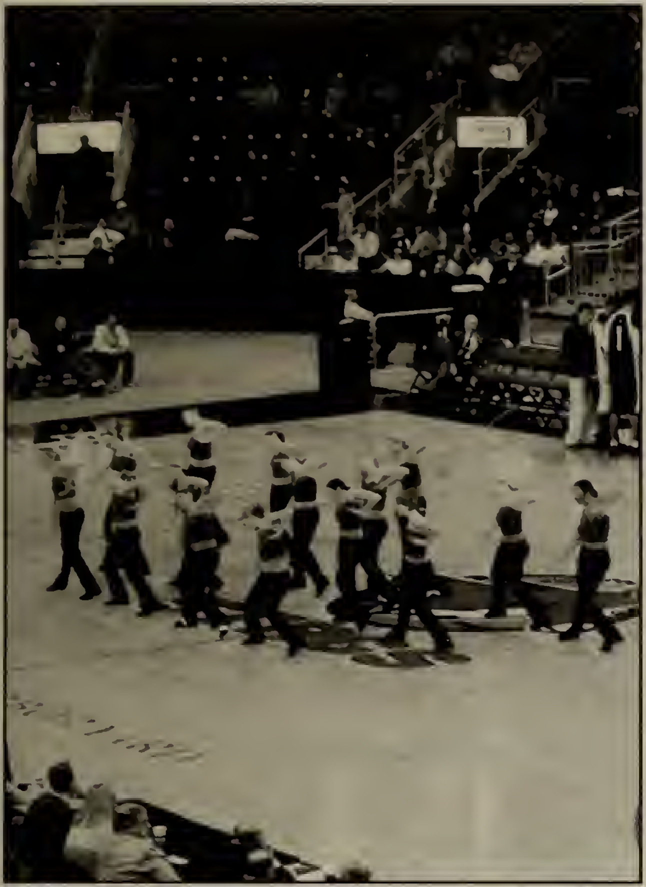
EMERGENCY DOOR

Right: During the noisy bus ride, the dance team girls take a break for a quick picture. Below Right: In the locker room, ready to go! Below: Practice makes perfect!

Fairfield's spirited at their finest!

FAIRFIELD DANCE TE

DANCE TEAM



Led by captains Lisa Ramaccia and Allison Lombardo, the Fairfield University Dance Team performs at several venues including select football games and the Men's and Women's Basketball games at Harbor Yard Arena. They have even danced in New Jersey's Continental Arena, as well as Madison Square Garden in New York. They perform high-energy routines at half-time and time-outs that bring the crowd to their feet. The dancers practice three times a week and bring their own choreography and style to their routines. Working from September through February, the team puts in many hours of hard work and dedication to share their talents with the whole school.

Above: Center court, strutting their stuff.
Right: It's just about half-time!
Below: Posing with the infamous Stag, the girls say "Cheese!"

Right: Sitting on a couch at Carole's house during the Christmas party.

Below: Singing at the church in Philadelphia.

Singing their hearts out!

Right: As tradition goes, the Chamber Singers gather to sing on the stairs at Carole Ann's house at the end of the Christmas party.

GLEE CLUB

Above: Many members of Glee Club gather with Carole Ann for a picture.

For over fifty years, the Fairfield University Glee Club has performed and represented the University's commitment to excellence. It is composed of more than 130 undergraduate and graduate singers, singing a wide range of repertoire. Carole Ann Maxwell is the director, as she has been since 1980 at Fairfield. She is one of America's most prominent conductors of collegiate, community, and professional choral ensembles and has put together a great group of students this year.

The Glee Club sings a wide range of music, from classical, oldies, pop, rock, and anything else. In the Glee Club, there are four additional choral ensembles: the acclaimed Chamber Singers; the resident quartet, the Sine Nomine Singers; the Men's Ensemble, directed by Michael Ciavaglia; and Sweet Harmony, directed by Erin Curtin and Katie Holahan.

Left: At the semi-formal, Mary Gazella, Jess Vanadia, Carole Ann, and her husband Rit.

GLEE CLUB

During 2002-2003, these singers performed concerts in New York, other cities in Connecticut, and even Philadelphia. In the past, they have been heard in a number of prestigious sites, including Carnegie Hall, Disneyworld, the Aula Paolo VI at the Vatican, and Westminster and Southward cathedrals in London.

This choir and its conductor have made a serious commitment to choral excellence, while developing a unique choral community, and esprit de corps, which has become a hallmark of their performances.

Choral Excellence

And they can even dance!

Left: Dancing the night away at the Glee Club semi-formal in the Oak Room.

Opposite Bottom: The Glee Club giving a performance at a church in New York.

Opposite Top: Carole Ann gets one last group shot in with her seniors.

Above Left: Glee Club not only strives to have a great sound but also a great sense of fashion! Freshmen Brian Wielk and Rory Duyon came to the semi-formal looking nothing but their best.

Above Right: With all of their hard work they still find time for fun. This group shot was taken in their hotel room during their trip to Philadelphia.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Above: Campus Ministry is a great way to meet new friends like them.

Far Right: David Gorman brings a little bit of craziness to the group.

Right: These four girls volunteer much of their time to help others in need.

Left: Carolyn, Andrea, and Colleen take a break from food and drawing to pose for a picture.

Lectors in the Community

One of the largest groups on campus is that of Campus Ministry. The members work as a team to stretch faith out in the community. They assist those with special needs, build faith in students, and are involved in many other programs. They are committed to make everyone a leader.

The community is led by a team of pastoral ministers; two Jesuits, two laywomen, a layman and a council of eighteen student leaders. If any student is looking for a mentor in any aspect of their lives, the campus ministers are available. The University Chaplaincy offers students moments of prayer and reconciliation, celebration of the sacraments and counseling and spiritual direction, and opportunities for service within a community.

Among Campus Ministry there any several groups, such as Student Liturgical Ministries, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors. Any student from Fairfield has the opportunity to be trained as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister, and they serve at the Sunday Masses and Holy Days during the year. There is also a group called S.O.S. (Sharing Our Stories), and they focus on sharing, trust, and community building activities in an active faith community. The Loyola Singers are a group of student singers and instrumentalists who provide music for the 5:30 pm Liturgy.

Left: The large group of Eucharistic Ministers.

Below: Bonding by the fire! Three friends in their pajamas share stories with each other during a retreat.

Building Faith

Need A Hug?

Right: At a retreat, students in Campus Ministry gather to talk around the camp fire.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

This past year, Campus Ministry had several retreats, such as the Frosh Retreat, Lectors' Retreat, Eucharistic Ministers' Retreat, Community Service Retreat, and a Senior Retreat. These are all spread throughout the year and students come back very pleased with their experience from the retreats.

As a community of faith, service and friends, Campus Ministry takes seriously its unique role in expressing the distinctive Catholic and Jesuit identity and mission of Fairfield University. They seek to be a community of faith, service and friends.

Above: A girl reaches down to the candles on the cross.

Upper Right: Father Greg talks to the Eucharistic Ministers on the beach.

Right: During the retreat, the whole group gets together for a picture.

Circle K is one of Fairfield University's dynamic community service groups on campus; they do service fundraisers for many different groups and activities. Circle K has a major impact on its community with awareness of Breast Cancer, AIDS, and MS Walks, to visits to soup kitchens, working with Habitat for Humanity to build houses, semiannual Car Washes, as well as a program called Project Belts where members go into elementary schools and teach children to use their seat belts.

The majority of Circle K's fundraising goes towards the Kiwanis Pediatric Institute (hence the K); the Kiwanis mission is to focus on the needs of children in pediatric trauma, safety, child care, early development, infant health, nutrition, and parenting skills. Kiwanis is also very involved in projects for eliminating Immune Deficiency disorders, the world's leading preventable cause of mental retardation.

This year's president, Greg Berk '03, continued a great tradition of service, working heavily with Habitat for Humanity and soup kitchen projects. Marta Matselioukh '04, who was named Circle K VP of the year, has put endless hours into the club and is seen always smiling in her projects. This is especially true for Project Belts that she continually leads. Jenn Torp '03, who has been treasurer for the past two years, is continually thinking up new fundraisers to start. With great leaders like these of Circle K, the presence in the community is continually growing.

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Above: Circle K formed a team for this year's Multiple Sclerosis Walk on April 6, 2003 at Fairfield Beach.

Opposite Top: Next year's President Marta Matseliovkh '04 and Vice President Kristine Poplawski '04 take a break on the long MS walk.

Community Service at Large!

Right: Doesn't Circle K look tired, and they just started the MS Walk!

Opposite Bottom: It's 8am but Circle K is ready to walk for a good cause.

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A group of senior girls pose for a picture during "200 Nights."

One Last Look

seniors

In the blink of an eye, these four years have flown by. Arriving as anxious and curious freshmen, not knowing what to expect, we have changed in so many ways, picking up countless experiences. Our memories may not be specific; they will probably be the every day things that made our four years. The dreaded walk to Dolan, sharing a bite to eat at the Stag with your friends, wasting entire Saturdays to sleep and watch TV with your roommates, impressing that really hard professor. These memories are what we will remember most, laugh about until we are in tears, and smile about without knowing why. But they also have made us the grown ups we are, ready to face the "real world." The future is ours, what will you bring to it?

Good friends, good parties, good dances, good memories... These seniors sure know how to celebrate GOOD TIMES!

Work like you don't need the money, love like you've never been hurt, and dance like no one's watching!

"We do not remember days; we only remember moments." - Anonymous

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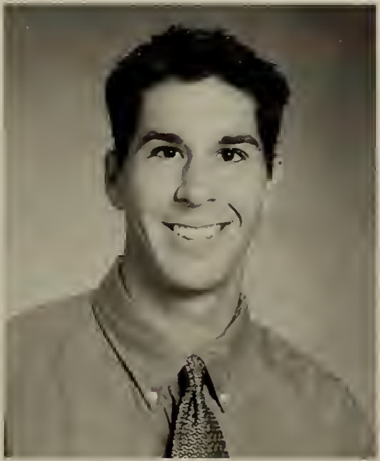
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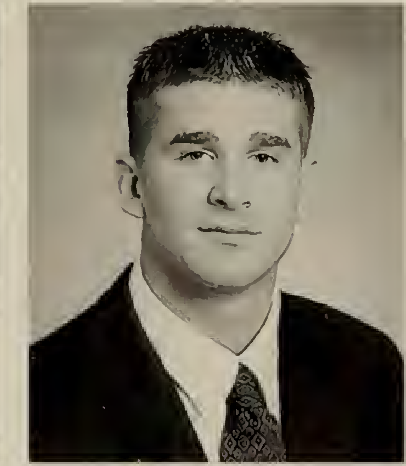
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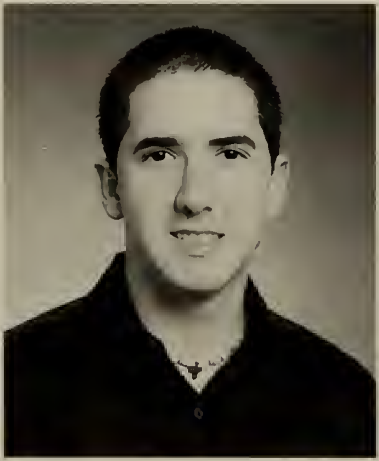
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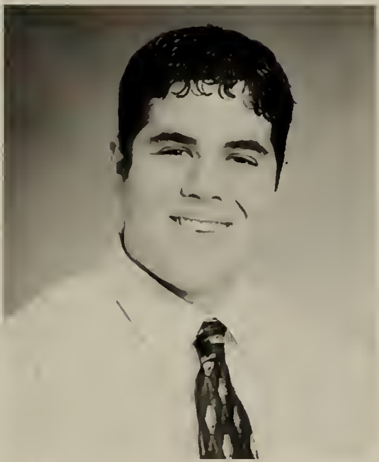
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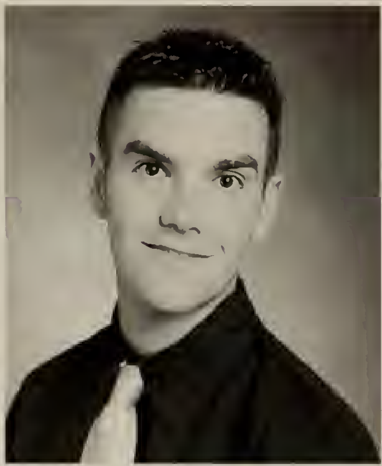
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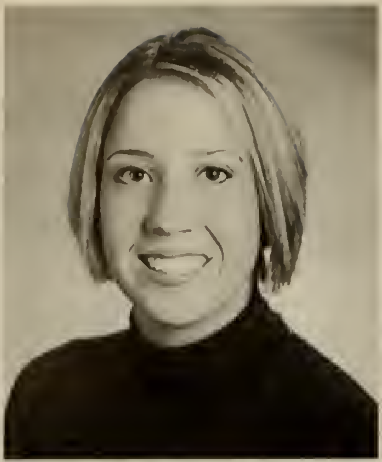
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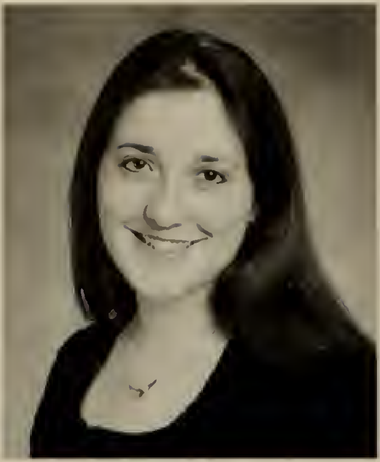
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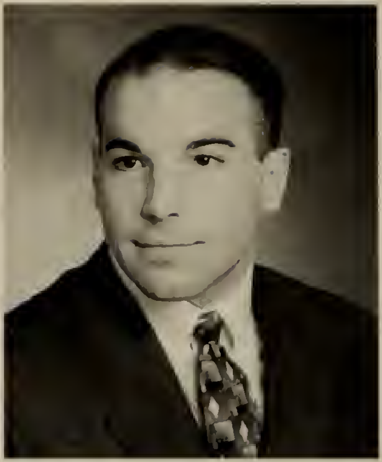
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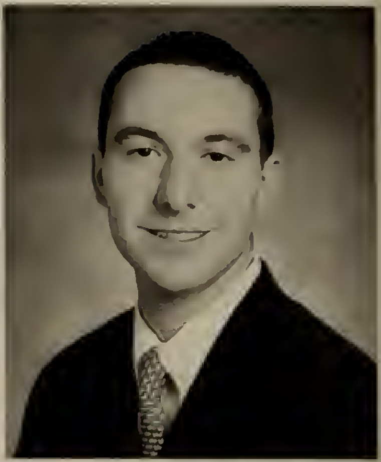
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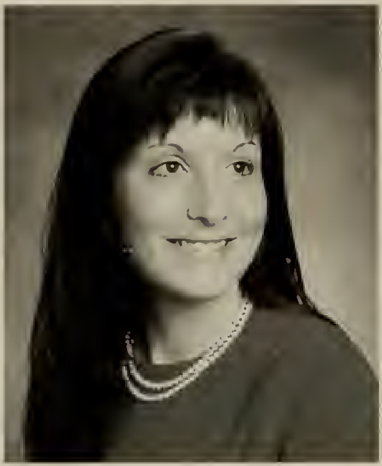
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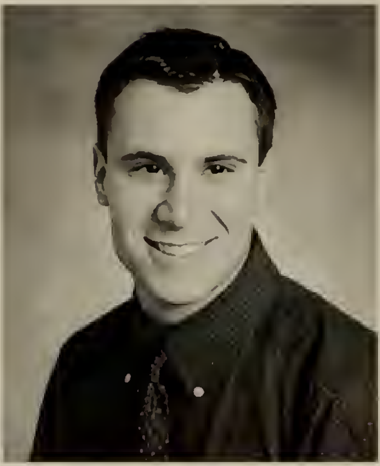
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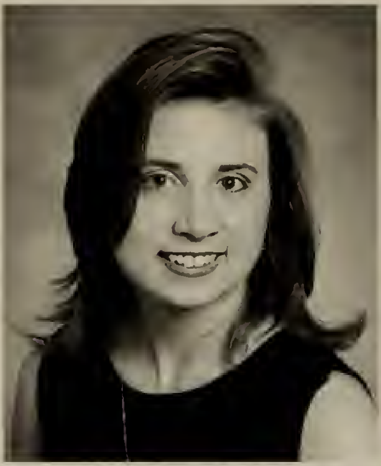
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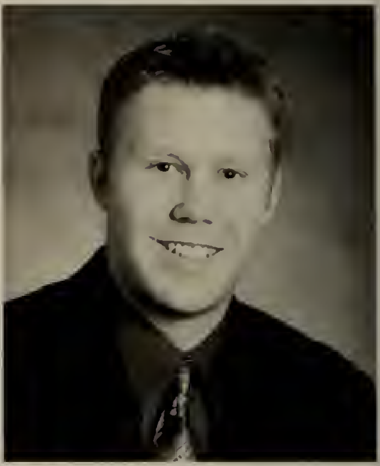
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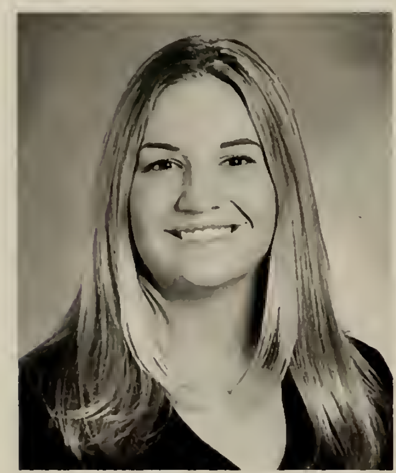
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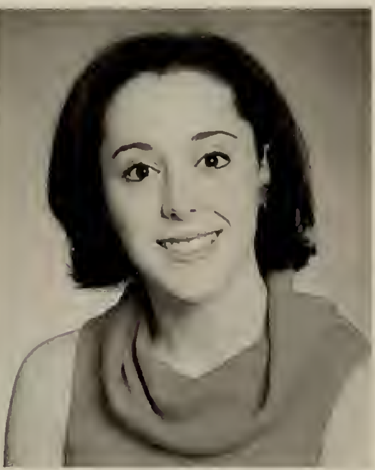
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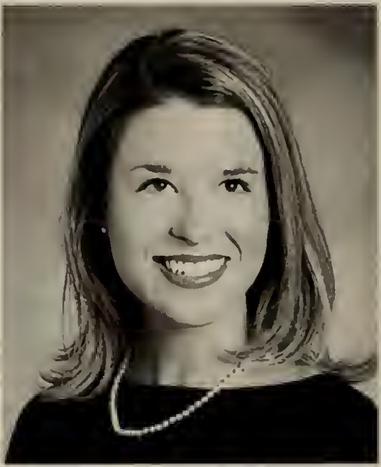
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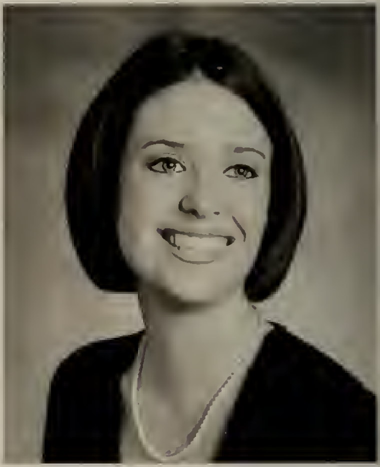
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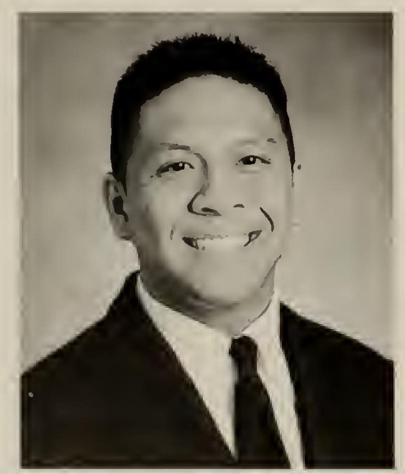
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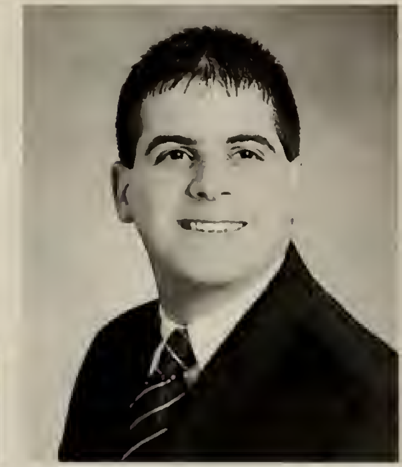
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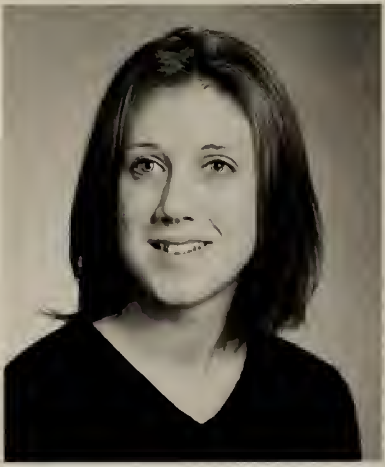
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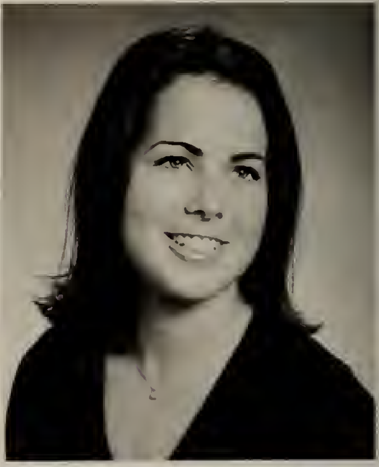
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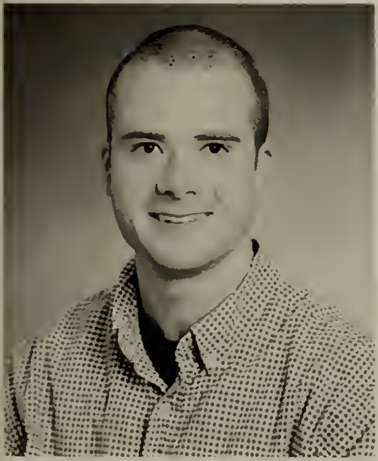
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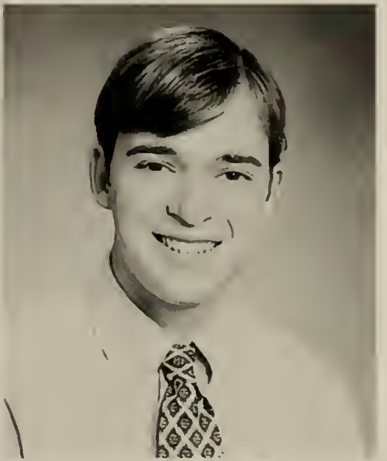
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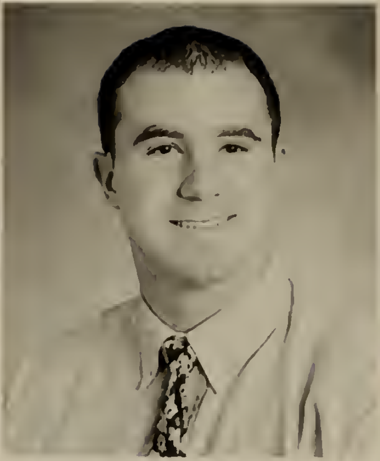
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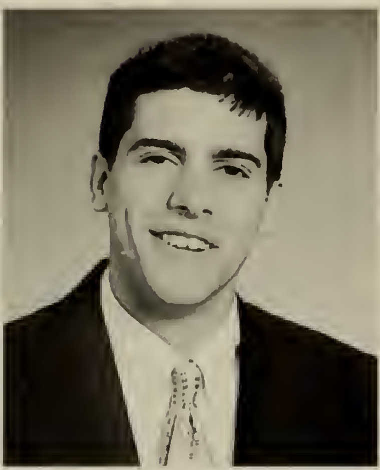
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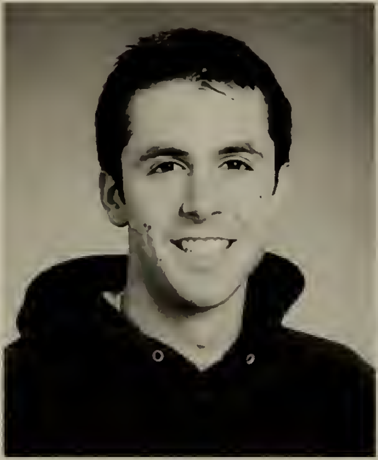
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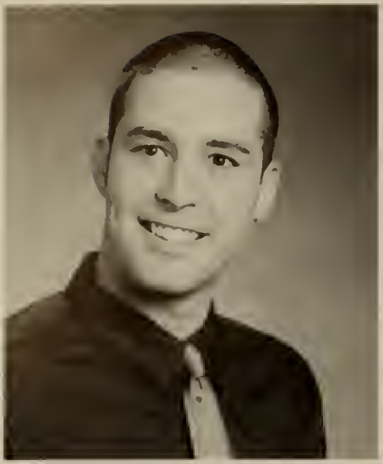
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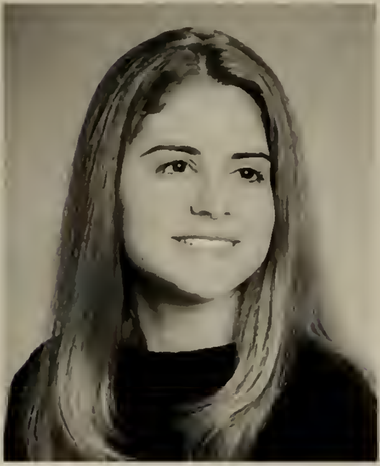
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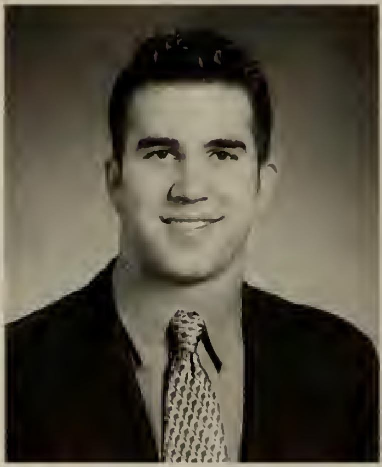
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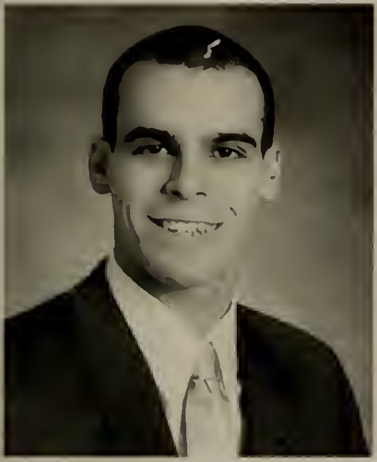
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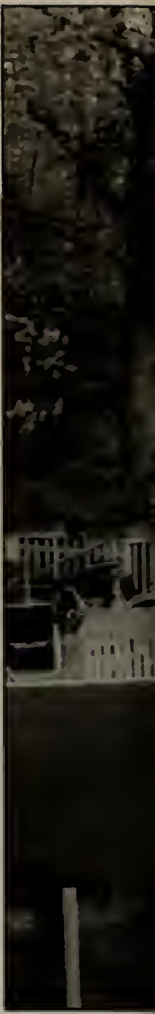

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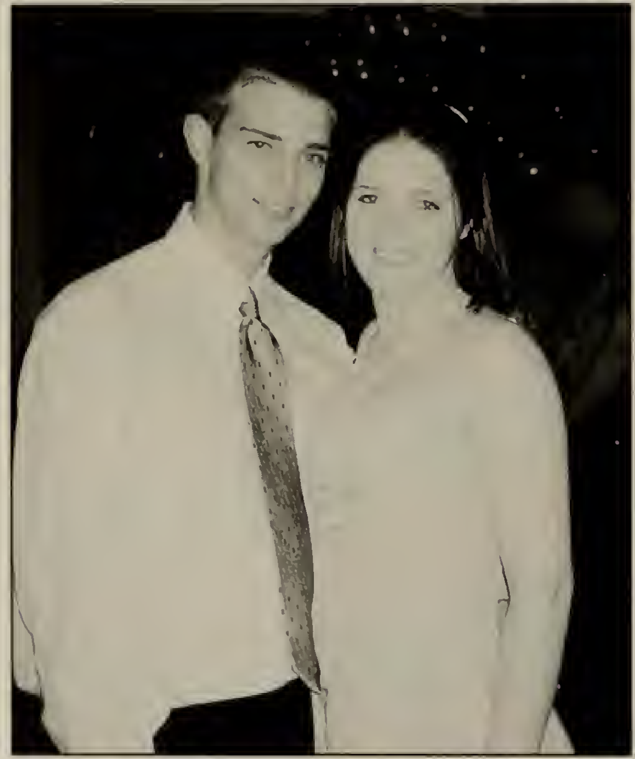

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Baccalaureate Mass
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Remember 1999.

The year Lance Armstrong, having battled cancer, won the Tour de France; the year wars broke out in Kosovo and Chechnya; 1999 was the year of Pokemon, Harry Potter and dot coms, and more personally, 1999 was the year you graduated from high school and arrived at Fairfield University.

Remember those first days. You were bombarded with questions like, "Which dorm do you live in? What's your major? Where is your home town? Those days were somewhat predictable, a rite of passage, and this graduation weekend is another such time, another rite of passage.

What better way to celebrate these past four years than to remember all of your shared moments and experiences in the light of love, not any kind of love, but the love that Jesus shared with his disciples and shares with us, the kind of love St. John speaks of in his First Letter, "let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action", the love that Amy Grant sings about in her song "Love of another Kind",

> "They say that love won't last
> I say love is never ending
> Cause in you I have
> A love of another kind."

Surrounded today by family and friends, you can't help but feel that "love of another kind" that is so real in your lives. That love brought you to this day, just as that love brought you to Fairfield in 1999. The love of your parents and family has always been a love in action and not merely in words, it is a love that believes in you, even when you don't believe in yourself, a love that stands by you when you feel most alone, always, never failing - through your childhood and the terrible two's, your adolescence, which may have seemed like a lifetime to your parents. And now as you are young adults that love is yours, always.

And let's not forget your friends. Remember on your first night here, when Fr. Kelley asked you to look to the right and to the left. You may have not seen your future spouse that night, but you certainly saw future friends with whom you would share love in action through so many adventures and experiences. Through these special friends you learned that friends do not frown, they question; friends do not block, they nurture; friends do not control, they stand by and that a friend is the other side of your soul. Because of your friends, this campus became for you as familiar and inviting as your own back yard, a place where you weren't afraid, a place where you were free to be yourself, to laugh and cry, to embrace and dance, to sleep late, to dream quietly, to listen to music. It was a place where you could speak and hear the truth with love.

"Love of another kind" has been an integral part of whatever you did at Fairfield, in your studies, student government, as resident advisors, in campus ministry, service programs, sports and clubs. You were challenged to put your hearts into whatever you did. You did it with passion, enthusiasm and lots of humor and love.

See how you have grown over the years of a Jesuit liberal arts education, learning to speak and live the truth with love and to nurture and serve all of life wherever it is found, and to struggle against all that seeks to diminish life.

The "love of another kind" that we shared together at Mass, in class, retreats, in volunteer work in Bridgeport and in the Third World has shown us that life lived with love is more than routine and planning, more than business as usual, it has shown us that we are called to take the road less traveled, the road that only friends of Jesus dare to take.

On that road together, we have learned to seek to live more simply, to be warm, compassionate and welcoming; to forgive even when it hurts, to chase after rainbows, and to be people who like St. Ignatius, have hearts big enough to embrace the world and yet vulnerable enough to be broken because of love.

We come to realize that ultimately, people don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care. And you do care about this world and its people. Year after year, you have been reminded to put your talents and gifts in the service of others, never comfortable with leaving others behind, or leaving others out.

In so many ways, through so many different experiences you have been grasped by a "love of another kind". But before you leave Fairfield, take the time to express and share that powerful love with the very important people who have accompanied you to this day, your parents, family, friends, mentors. People who are God's face and hands and heart for you in your life. Always be grateful!

For me, words cannot express how good it has been these past years sharing your college experience as your priest and friend. It has been a privilege to be with you as you asked key questions about life and love and faith, and grew toward answers meaningful for you. We are all very proud to see you grow to be young women and men of character, conscience, competence and compassion.

Baccalaureate Mass

So, as you prepare for the next phase of your life, let me leave you with lessons for living that we learn from the story of Noah and his Ark.

1. Don't miss the boat
2. Remember we are all in the same boat
3. Plan ahead, it wasn't raining when noah built the ark
4. Stay fit, when you're 600 years old someone may ask you to something really big
5. Build your future on high ground
6. For safety sake, travel in pairs
7. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs
8. When you're stressed, float awhile
9. Remember the ark was built by amateurs, the titanic by professionals

and 10. No matter the storm, as you travel with God, there's always a rainbow waiting

Don't ever, ever forget, rain or shine, good day or bad, god is with you and so are we!

Paul Carrier, S.J., May 17, 2003

& Commencement

senior week

Commencement 2003 . . .

Commencement

Talbott encourages grads to use Jesuit ideals as a guide for future

At Fairfield University's 53rd commencement ceremony on May 18, Strobe Talbott, former deputy secretary of state and current president of the Brookings Institution, asked the 1,217 graduates to consider the future of the United States' foreign policy. "Is the United States going to be a leader whom others follow because they want to, or is it going to be a boss, whom others follow because they have to? Your generation is going to have to ... answer that question."

He encouraged graduates to apply the Jesuit ideals acquired at Fairfield to all aspects of their lives. "It's my impression that what all of you have learned here and how you have learned it predisposes you to probe, question, listen, and above all, think your way through the treacherous terrain of moral complexity before reaching the high ground of moral certainty," he said. "That respect for intellectual rigor, in combination with a commitment to service and a belief in the existence of a global community, equips you to be good citizens of your country, whatever your country. If you're Americans, you're going to help our country be a good leader of the world."

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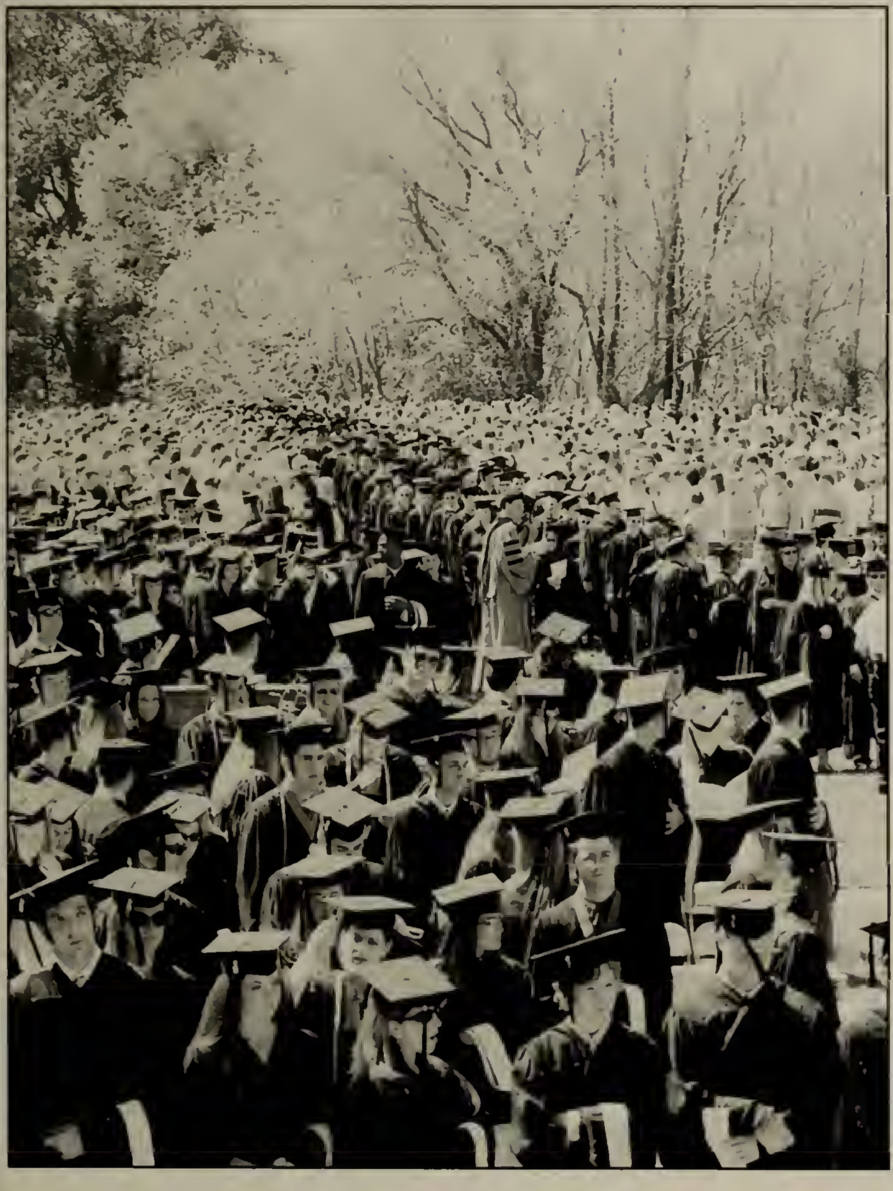

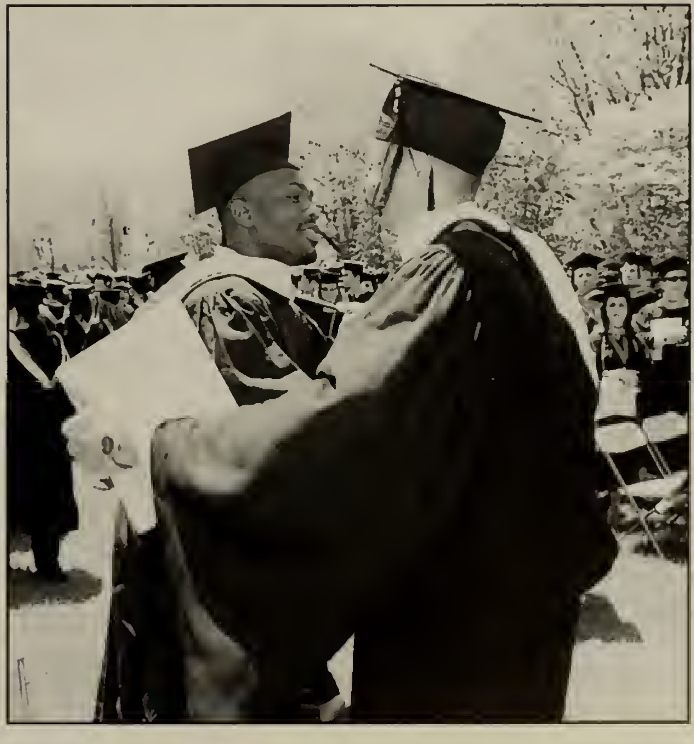

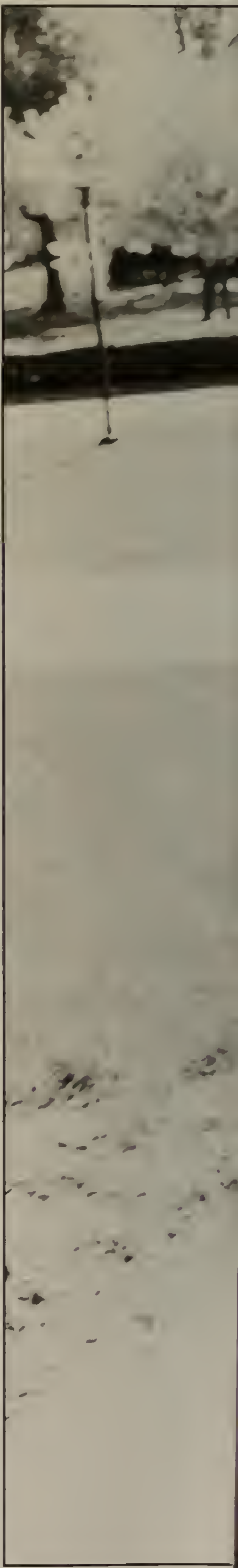

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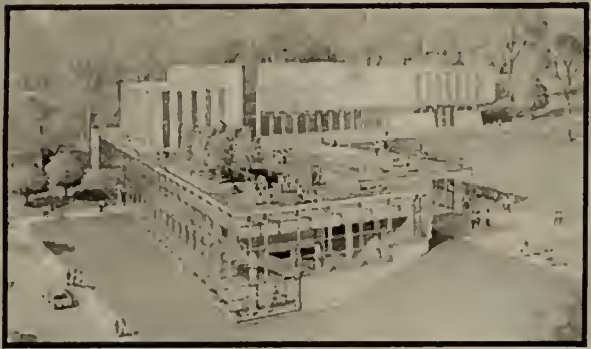

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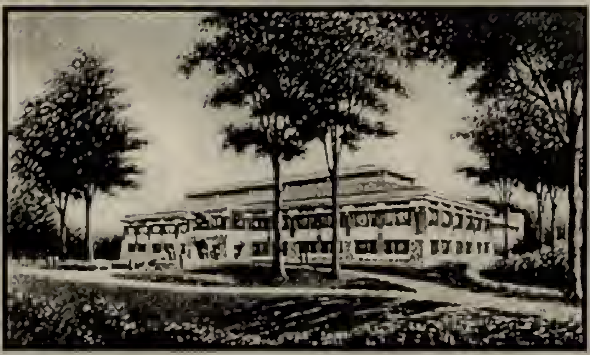

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